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Open house: some of the 12,000 masons at Earls Court yesterday when they invited the press and guests to celebrate the 275th anniversary of the United Grand Lodge of England. Report, page 20

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Rape killer gets life

Andrew Hagans, 26, a man with a history of violent and sexual offences who raped and murdered Anna Mc-Gurk, 23, a council clerk, after being released on bail on another rape charge, was jailed for life at Bristol Crown Court.

A jury convicted Hagans of raping his victim at knifepoint shortly before he strangled her with a piece of rope near a riverside path in Gloucester last August. Mr Justice Hutchison described the circumstances of the

Transplant hope

ing out a 14-hour liver and bowel transplant operation at a Pittsburgh hospital to save the life of Laura Davies, a four-year-old British girl, said the operation was 'going well"...

School truce

Labour has called a truce with grant-maintained schools, though the party will continue to oppose opting out and selective education in principle Page 10

Thai choice

Thailand's pro-democracy activists hailed King Bhumibol's appointment of Anand Panyarachun, prime minister until March, to lead the government again. He is planning to dissolve the parliament within months and hold new elections Page 14

Grave goods

It is said that we can't take it with us, but what if we were each allowed one exception?
Times letter-writers make their selections...... Page 17

Maxwell loan

Kevin Maxwell arranged a \$27.3 million loan from National Westminster Bank two days after his father died last November. using shares now being claimed by the Maxwell pension funds as

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Europe split haunts Major far from home

By Philip Webster in London and Robin Oakley in bogota

IOHN Major and his senior ministers acted last night to calm the renewed Conservative turmoil over Europe by issuing strenuous denials that the cabinet is split over the government's response to the Danish referendum.

In a move underlining the government's alarm that internal feuding over Europe is running out of control, the two cabinet ministers most closely identified with support for ditching the Maastricht reaty made plain their backing for Mr Major's policy of eventual ratification.

As Peter Lilley and Michael Portillo, the cabinet's two leading Euro-sceptics, moved to scotch talk of a rift with the prime minister, Mr Major led a concerted cabinet attempt to steady nerves. Speaking in Colombia, which he has been visiting on the way to the Earth summit in Brazil, Mr Major told a press conference that it was "absolute nonsense" to talk of splits in the

Mr Major made plain that his policy had been fully supported in private and public by every member of the cabi-net. "There is no cabinet crisis and there is no difference of view whatever among members of the cabinet on the question of our European policy. I made that clear in the House of Commons last week," he said.

"The treaty embodied much that we have long sought in Europe. It was worth achieving and I think it

is worth keeping."
Mr Lilley, the social security secretary, took the un-usual step of issuing a statement in support of Mr Ma-jor's stance. Mr Portillo, the Treasury chief secretary, did not make a statement but he let it be known that he wished to be associated with Mr Lilley's comments.

the prime minister's team. Richard Ryder, the govern-ment chief whip, telephoned Mr Major to brief him about the state of backbench opinion. It was assumed at Westminster last night that their conversation had prompted the statements from Mr Portillo and Mr Lilley, although government sources suggested that a newspaper headline

claiming his career was on

the line had forced Mr Lilley's

his hand.

had been regular contact be-

tween Downing Street and

The disclosure by The Times earlier this week that Mr Lilley and Mr Portillo had attended a meeting of Euro-sceptic ministers angered Tory MPs and ministers, some of whom suggested that their action was a challenge to collective cabinet responsibility. The meeting had concluded that the Maas-

tricht treaty was dead. As the government banled Throughout the day there to play down talk of ministeri-

al dissent, a Tory backbench MP confirmed that Eurosceptic ministers were making their feelings clear in private conversations. William Cash said: "There are quite clearly a number of people who have always been on our side of the argument who are making very clear where they stand

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, was the first senior minister to try to control the fevered speculation. Speaking on BBC Radio's The World at One programme, he said: "I am certain that the government is united on this question. John Major, Douglas Hurd the foreign secretary] and I have discussed this. We all believe we should proceed with ratification. We also believe we need to shape the direction in which Europe is going. We want a looser and

However, Tory rebels spent much of the day voicing growing confidence that they could defeat the Maastricht treaty bill. They were boosted by fresh signs that Labour is gradually moving to a position where it will vote against the ratification legislation. It abstained when the bill was first brought forward.

proader Europe.

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Papers confirm identity of Hess

SECRET government papers on Rudolf Hess (above) re-leased by the Public Records Office yesterday confirmed that the man who parachuted into Scotland in 1941 was the real deputy Führer.

Claims that the man was an imposter were given no credence in the first batch of documents made available by the Foreign Office. The official documents included Hess's dental X-rays which showed no evidence of bridgework, one of the areas

previously in doubt.
The chief interrogators of Hess also provide convincing evidence in their written testimony of his identity. Lord Simon, then Lord Chancellor, said he was in no doubt that the man was Hess.

Hess flew to Scotland in a Messerschmitt with a peace proposal to end the bloodshed between Germany and Britain. The record of his interrogation by Lord Simon shows that his mission was at his own initiative and did not have Hitler's blessing. Hess complained to Lord Simon that Hitler did not allow him to fly and he had to persuade his friend, Messerschmitt, to lend him an aircraft.

After the war, Hess was sent for trial on war crime charges at Nuremberg and was sentenced to life imprisonment which he served in Spandau prison.

During his last years there he was the only prisoner, guarded by rota by soldiers from the four wartime powers, Britain, the United States, France and Russia.

Personal mission, page 7

US urged to act on Serbia

From Martin Fletcher IN WASHINGTON

THE Bush administration is coming under mounting congressional pressure to orga-nise rapid military intervention to end the war in what used to be Yugoslavia.

Several leading senators, appalled at the bloodshed and fearful that unchecked Serb aggression could spread in an Eastern Europe riven by ethnic rivalries, have called on the White House to abandon its present reliance on sanctions. Richard Lugar, a senior Republican with influence in the White House, yesterday demanded that America obtain United Nations authorisation for miliy intervention and Nato to prepare plans "for a comprehensive use of force as thorough as that formulated for air, sea and ground

forces" in the Gulf war. The Senate foreign relations committee will adopt a resolution this morning that demands much tougher ac-

tion against Serbia.

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Dolly Parton's new film revives the Hollywood fairy tales of little people making good in a perfect America Life & Times Page 3

ESCAPISM GALLIC STYLE



Forget California and surfin' USA; France's west coast has perfect surfing beaches Life & Times Page 5

ESCAPISM CITY STYLE



Executive temps to the rescue; firms in crisis can now turn to managerial Red Adairs

Life & Times Page 18

Labour sidestep, page 11 Leon Brittan, page 16 emerged yesterday. Until yesterday he was adamant member states, but nothing else. "There will be no inthat he would not attend and

IN STRASBOURG

JACOUES Delors lost his temper in the European parliament vesterday after making a speech offering to make the European Commission more responsive to the peoples of the Community.

M Delors, president of the Commission, reacted angrily to a Dutch green MEP, who accused him of conspiring with Felipe González, the Spanish prime minister, to diminish the powers of small member states. "It is totally false. I protest very strongly," M Delors shouted at Nel van Dijk. "You must come along with proof and that is how you talk to a bureaucrat and not in any other way."

MEPs voted by 238 to 55 in favour of continuing the Maastricht ratification process and against any renegotiation of the treaty. In a separate speech on the

so-called "Delors 2" budget

Rio switch

Delors loses his temper

Jacques Delors will attend the Earth summit in Rio. it the EC had looked painfully under-represented at the summit. Privately Com-mission officials say M Delors has been angered by the decision of Carlo Ripa di Meana, the environment commissioner, not to go to Rio. He feels the Italian put his ambitions before the EC-

proposals, the Commission president said that German and British objections to pumping extra billions of pounds into Brussels at a time of economic recession were short-sighted. He said that if member states keep their EC contributions to an increase of about 1.2 per cent a year, then by 1997 an extra £7.7 billion will have flowed into

the Community to afford the reform of the common agricultural policy as well as a limited "cohesion" fund to help development in poorer crease in structural funds and no increase in foreign policy." he told the parliament. M Delors wants an annual

spending increase of 1.37 per cent. That would give the Community an extra £15.4 billion to play with. Germany and Britain are strongly opposed to the extra spending. To irk the British government further, M Delors confirmed yesterday that the Commission is examining the annual rebate that Britain is paid by Brussels. The rebate was negotiated by Margaret Thatcher at the height of her anti-Europe days but has come under fire recently from other member states.

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It's now called

Paris embassy puts faith in vintage diplomacy

FROM ALAN HAMILTON IN PARIS

THE cordiality of the entente was severely tested last night when the Queen, on the second day of her state visit to France, invited President and Mme Mitterrand to a return banquet at the British embassy in Paris, and served them English wine.

Sir Ewen Fergusson, the ambassador, is famed for being the custodian of the finest cellar in the diplomatic service, and is a knowledgeable and lifelong enthusiast. However, he is paid to promote Britain, and accordingly he and a group of his senior staff sent for a dozen assorted English wines, and set about tasting them. Nine they found so unpalatable that to have served them to the president could have undone years of

Three they found moderately ac-

ceptable, and of those they chose the 1989 Chiddingstone from Kent, which retails in Britain at about £6 a bottle. Hearing of this bold initiative, the French last week sent out spies to acquire some Chiddingstone, and

run it across a few educated palates. Jean-Paul Kauffman, the editor of the leading wine magazine. Les Amateurs de Bordeaux, and a former French hostage in Beirut, was ap-pointed to be the head taster; he emerged less than enthusiastic. He thought that Chiddingstone was 'quite an honourable wine", but was out of balance, its acidity clashing with its sweetness, and had an aggressive finish. "Jolly fair, considering," an spokesman at the embassy said of the assessment yesterday. In the middle of state visits, diplomacy

At M Mitterrand's Elysée state banquet for the Queen on Tuesday.

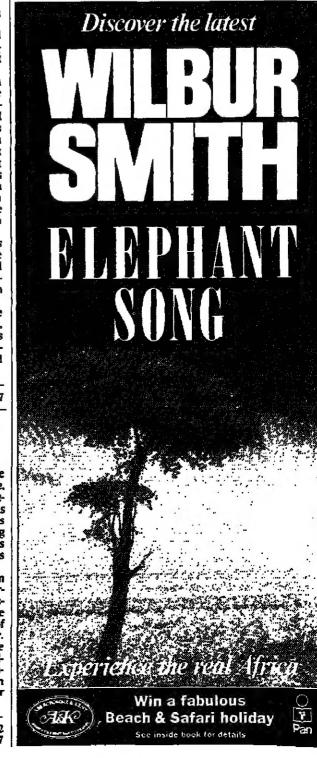
he accompanied the foie gras with an exquisite Chateau d'Yquem 1981, a rich and full bodied Sauternes which, in contrast to the English who regard it as a dessert wine, the French like to drink with the first course, however rich the fare. The score at the entrée stage therefore appeared to be onenil to France. But Sir Ewen. a physical giant of a man who loses no opportunity to parade his Scots ancestry, was not to be so easily beaten.

To accompany the Aberdeen Angus beef. Sir Ewen produced a 1964 Chateau Latour. Not only is the vineyard British-owned, the vintage is considered a cut above the 1978 Latour which M. Mitterrand offered the Queen on Tuesday with her carre d'agneau. All square at the pudding.

But Sir Ewen was far from done yet. To start the meal, he had offered Scottish farm salmon, the only foreign produce to which the gastronomically chauvinistic French have awarded their coveted label rouge, the food equivalent of the appellation controlee. The beef, which was served on white Minton plates, was clearly a safer gambit than offering English lamb to counter Tuesday's agneau, which appeared on Sevres porcelain

Sir Ewen scored a final victory on the entertainment front. M Mitterrand provided a small string orchestra from the Republican Guard; the British countered with a display of Scottish country dancing and a piper. A spokesman admitted that if the United Kingdom broke up, the culturally impoverished English embas-sies of the future would find it an uphill struggle to entertain dinner

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Ombudsman challenges immunity for barristers

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE protection that barristers have against complaints or legal action over their court performance is to be chalenged by the Legal Services Ombudsman.

Michael Barnes, who was appointed 18 months ago to scrutinise the way the legal profession handles complaints, said yesterday that the immunity precluded him from investigating the barris-ter's role as court advocate. In his first annual report since taking the new post on January 1, 1991, he said the constraint was a "significant one, especially since the lay client's observation of counsel is often almost entirely confined to the court room".

Mr Barnes said yesterday: "As a non-lawyer, the immu-

Patients seek NHS inspectors

BY ALISON ROBERTS

A NEW health standards inspectorate is urgently needed, patients' associations said yesterday. Victims of medical accidents and those complaining about NHS treat-ment face a labyrinthine complaints procedure which operates against the interests

of patients, the groups argue. The inspectorate, which takes its political cue from the citizen's charter, would be responsible for setting up and checking standards in the provision of health care. Locally based officers would inspect all hospitals and health care institutions and provide the initial entry to complaints procedures now only accessible through a daunting number of routes.

A report by the Association of Community Health Councils for England and Wales and Action for Victims of Medical Accidents says existing complaints procedures are inhibiting and bewildering. The report proposes complaints, compensation and disciplinary commis-sions which would be made up of lay members, health

representatives and lawyers. Cases of medical negligence can take more than six years to come to court and doctors whose work is being investigated may be suspended on full pay for more than five years, the groups say.

nity is quite difficult for me to understand. I get the impression that even among lawyers there is debate as to how far this immunity actually stands up, and I would like to explore further with my legal advisers to see what the limits of my jurisdiction actually are." He said he was prepared to contest the boundaries of the jurisdiction.

possibly through legal action. Solicitors were criticised for failing to adhere to new rules requiring them to dislose their charges to clients, for failing to communicate with clients on progress of a case or availability of legal aid, for delay and generally giving a "poor service", and not replying to letters and telephone

"Solicitors' hourly charging rates have now reached levels that for ordinary people levels that for ordinary people are difficult to comprehend. It seems an increasing number of people say they are shocked when they learn the amount the bill has got to. If poor service is coupled with that, the people have got something to complain about," Mr Barnes said. He urged solicitors to give the urged solicitors to give the best information on likely costs, with updates at least

every six months.

Mr Barnes received 1,248 complaints in 1991 about the way the profession handled complaints, and he also inherited 672 cases from his predecessor the Lay Observ-er. The ombudsman has a wider remit, covering the Bar and licensed conveyancers as well as solicitors, and he has tougher sanctions.

Of the new cases, 94 per cent related to solicitors, 5 per cent to barristers and less than I per cent to licensed conveyancers. He upheld one third of the complaints, either recommending compensa-tion or reconsideration of the complaint or criticising the way the complaint was handled by the professional body. Compensation awards ranged from £250 to £1,500.

Mr Barnes said the Bar and Solicitors' Complaints Bureau had made reforms. The Bar now gave reasons when rejecting a complaint and showed the complainant the barrister's response. But he would like to see the Bar moving more towards "a complaints handling system rather than a disciplinary system", awarding compensa-tion to aggrieved clients.

Annual report of the Legal Services Ombudsman 1991. Cmmd 36 (Stationery Office; £7.85)

Pleasure boats feel heat of navy shells

By Peter Victor

THE Royal Navy launched an investigation yesterday after three fishing boats car-rying day trippers were al-most blown out of the water by shelling from a destroyer in the Channel. Live shells landed within 200 yards of one of the boats.

The three vessels - The Offshore Rebel, Channel Offshore Rebel, Channel Chieftain and Tiger Lily—were 18 miles off Weymouth, Dorset, and were taking a party of 30 people to fish near offshore wrecks. Shells landed either side of the The Offshore Rebel, which was leading the Channel Chieftain and Tiger Lily out on the trip

ger Lily out on the trip around noon on Tuesday. According to those on board, the shells whistled over the top of the trailing boats and flew into the wat-er a short distance from The Offshore Rebel. A catamaran carrying passengers from Weymouth to the Channel Islands had passed where the shells landed five

where the shells landed five minutes earlier. Paul Whittall, skipper of The Offshore Rebel. said: "Two shells landed in the middle, 200 yards from me. It could have killed us all, it was so close. We were given no warning of firing in the area. I have serious doubts whether they picked us up on radar at all."

Pat Carlin, 34, captain of the Channel Chieftain, said anglers on his boat heard something pass overhead followed by an explosion 20 seconds later. We were steaming along when the head. It was just like a war film. It was only by luck they didn't wipe out *The Offshore* Rebel. When the shells landed, they gave off 40ft water spouts. If they'd hit the boat it would have blown it to

The Royal Navy said yes-terday that a report had been ordered from the de-stroyer, HMS Southampton, normally based at Portsmouth, which had portsmouth, which had been carrying out a live fir-ing exercise nearby. Its com-manding officer was Commander John Wotton. "HMS Southampton was firing its 4 ½ in gun and we have had reports that shells

came down near to fishing vessels. A ship's investiga-tion is now under way." The ship had not been firing at any target but had been checking that the gun was working properly. The en-quiry will try to establish how the shells came to land where they did.

Under normal procedure, a notice to mariners is issued by the flag officer of the local naval base. This is described by the navy as a matter of courtesy rather than any ban from the area.



Hat tricks: pupils at St Clement Dane's School, Drury Lane, central London, showing off their hat-making skills during a workshop with the English National Ballet's education and community unit yesterday

Watchdog attacks lost power of local councils

By Douglas Broom, Local Government correspondent

MINISTERS have reduced councils to the role of agents of Whitehall, deprived of the freedom to meet the needs of local people, the head of the Audit Commission, the local government watchdog, said.

Howard Davies, who steps down as controller of the commission next month, said the power and influence of local government was likely to diminish still further. He

CANARY Wharf's adminis-

trators have been forced to

drop their preferred choice of

estate agents because the

agents are already advising

the government on its search

The environment department, which is looking for a

new home for 2,000 civil ser-

vants, made it clear to Knight

Frank & Rutley that the con-

flict of interest would be unacceptable. Administrators

from the accountants Ernst &

Young had offered the job of advising on tenants and buy-

ers jointly to Knight Frank &

Rutley and Savills but the

agents turned the offer down

for a new site in Docklands.

blamed "the sorry poll tax episode" for damaging the fiscal foundations of local government and said the balance of power between central and local government was unstable, tipped too far in the government's favour.

Writing in Municipal Review, the journal of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, Mr Davies said that when central government

that it was to our financial

disadvantage, we decided to

stick with our existing client.

You have to have some mor-

als in this world." Advising

Canary Wharf would have

involved work on 4 million sq

ft of space compared to the

400,000 sq ft needed by the

night that the company had

not yet found a replacement for the two agents. Whoever is appointed will be expected to

devise a marketing strategy for Canary Wharf. The brief

will be to find new tenants.

keep existing ones happy, and

ensure that companies that

environment department. Ernst & Young said last

Docklands hitch

over estate agents

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

greater expense.

Mr Davies, who is to be director general of the CBI, said: "Increasingly, councils find themselves in the position of agents, administering government-designed prodiscretion to vary their content to suit local circumwell have further to go.

"When councils raise, net, only 15 per cent of their own income with the rest determined by Whitehall, and the whole is built on a govern-ment-determined spending assessment formula, there is no doubt on which foot the boot is laced."

Mr Davies said there were forces at work which would eventually contain the centralising tendencies of any government, foremost of which was "traditional British hostility to uniformity and

local democracy, too, through the principle of "subsidiarity" under which decisions are delegated to the lowest appropriate government unit. "In the long run that could mean from Whitehall to town hall."

tried to determine how local services were run the result was inferior services and

grammes with relatively little

imperial rule from London". Europe offered hope for

The existing structure of local government was "ro-bust" and most people had confidence in it. Freed from

NEWS IN BRIEF

Inspectors criticise pindown council

Standards of care in Staffordshire's children's homes, which were at the centre of the pindown scandal two years ago. remain unacceptable, government inspectors have concluded. They accused social services managers of failing to act quickly enough to implement recommendations made 18 months ago. More than 100 children in four homes were subjected to harsh discipline which included the solitary confinement of teenagers, sometimes for weeks. After the scandal came to light in 1990, officials from the Health Department's social services inspectorate visited the homes

and made recommendations for urgent improvements.

In a statement last night, Staffordshire county council said it had implemented 24 of the 32 recommendations made in the report and there was "substantial progress on all the others." But Tim Yeo, junior health minister, described the report as "very serious". He said: "I do take a grave view when recommendations made have not been followed up. Eighteen months may not be a very long time in the life of a large organisation, but it is a very long time in the life of a child." Ten days ago 140 "pin-down" victims were awarded compensation totalling almost £2 million.

Floating prison plan

A flat-top barge with four storeys of rooms on top, which housed troops in the Falklands while they built a garrison after hostilities ended, may be used to overcome prison overcrowding in northwest England. Home Office officials have held talks with the Mersey Docks and Harbour Company about a size on the Mersey where the vessel, which Company about a site on the Mersey where the vessel, which would house up to 400 prisoners, could be moored. A Home Office spokesman said the barge was one of several options being examined. Officials have visited New York to see the operation of two "floating detention facilities" which have been used for five years. An increase in the prison population and the effects of repairing Strangeways. Manchester, after it was damaged in riots have contributed to overcrowding.

GP evidence ends

The trial of Muhammed Saeed, who is accused of being a the trial of Munammed Saeed, who is accused of being a bogus doctor, came to a halt yesterday when the defence said would offer no evidence. Saeed, 64, of Bradford, has pleaded not guilty to one charge of obtaining pay by false pretences and three of obtaining property by deception from his local health authority by falsely claiming to be a qualified doctor. During the five-week trial the court had been told that he was a fraud who stole the identity and qualifications of authority and dualifications. of another man and used them to treat thousands of patients at his practice in Manningham, Bradford, for more than 30 years. The jury at Leeds Crown Court is expected to consider its verdict early next week after prosecution and defence speeches and the summing-up from Judge Baker, QC.

College heads protest The heads of 18 Oxford colleges have joined protests against

plans to redraw parliamentary constituencies in the city. As part of its nationwide review of Westminster constituencies. the boundary commission has proposed redrawing the boundary between the parliamentary divisions of Oxford East and Oxford West and Abingdon. At present the River Cherwell forms the boundary between the two constituencies which were created in 1983 when the single seat of Oxford was divided to reflect the growing population of the suburbs. Since then the population of West Oxfordshire has grown by 10 per cent while some areas in the east of the city have diminished. The commission wants to move the boundary to

Mackay acts on fees The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, signalled

his intention yesterday to press ahead with proposals for fixed fees for legal aid work in magistrates courts. Immediate criticism from the Law Society greeted the announcement that the management consultants Price Waterhouse are to conduct a survey of criminal legal aid hills. This will provide the basis of the new levels of fixed for bills. This will provide the basis of the new levels of fixed fees, to replace the present system of payment by hourly rates. The Law Society said it "deplored" the attempt to introduce fixed or standard fees while a royal commission was still considering the issue. Robert Winstanley, chairman of the society's remuneration committee, said the Lord Chancellor clearly remained instransigent and the terms of reference for the consultants were fundamentally flawed.

£6bn ports roads urged Six billion pounds worth of new and upgraded road links are

needed to improve access to the country's ports, according to a report published yesterday by the British Roads and British Ports federations. Barely a handful of the 100 or so ports in Britain are directly connected to the national motorway network with good quality roads, in spite of more than a 30 per cent real term increase in the road building budget over the past three years, the report said. The report Roads To The Ports. has been timed to exert the maximum influence in the negotiations over next year's public expenditure levels, at the very moment when John MacGregor, the transport secretary, is under increasing pressure from the Treasury to trim his department's multibillion pound spending plans.

Publisher wins award

News International, publishers of The Times, has won an award for local community initiatives. The Dragon Awards are made each year by Business in the Community, on behalf of the Lord Mayor and the Corporation of the City of London. They were presented last night to five Londonbased companies at the Lord Mayor's City Banquet at Guildhall. News International won its award for its part in the development of Greenforce, an environmental initiative that works to "green" run-down parts of Knowsley on

English table wine tickles Mitterrand palate

If Mr Quirk was at all nervous, he was disguising it well yesterday. The French president has tasted English wine before, and that too came from Chiddingstone. Downing Street, with palace approval, chose another of Mr Quirk's white wines to go with the fish at the dinner held by the Queen last sum-mer in London for G7 heads of state and government. "So far as we know Mr Mitterrand didn't spit the stuff

out," Mr Quirk said.

Why is he being honoured

don't sell it until it is 18 months old. Most of my colleagues bottle and sell within a month.

The Pinot Noir, which won a silver medal at the International Wine and Spirit Competition in London last year, is made from a black grape that is "pressed white" to retain the flavour of the skin, but not its colour. Mr Quirk describes it as "a crisp Burgundy-style wine". Sir Ewen Fergusson, the British ambassador in Paris, personally chose the wine from 12

plonk, in the eyes of the European Community. This is because Britain's Quality Wine Scheme, our own stillexperimental version of appeliation contrôlée. which enables home-grown vintages to be sold as quality products, was introduced only last summer. So far only eight wines from five of the 440 registered vineyards in England and Wales have applied for and been grant-

Mr Quirk did not apply,

though his Pinot Noir would

ed quality status by the Wine Standards Board.



the ultimate test

certainly have qualified. Like many other English winemakers, he is annoyed at the way it was introduced. The government brought the scheme in because of EC rules stipulating that no new vines can be planted once table wine production in a country exceeds 25,000

hectolitres (3.5 million bot-tles) unless an approved scheme for officially recognising quality wines exists. In fact, English wine output was only 15,000 hectolitres last year and wine-makers feel the government could have got a better deal if it had been in less of a hurry.

Their main complaint is that "interspecific crosses' or hybrids, are excluded from the vine varieties eligi-ble for the quality label mainly at the insistence of the French, who have never allowed them.

Hybrids happen to be particularly suited to English soil and weather conditions and account for about a quarter of home production. As it happens. Seyval Blanc. one of the most widely used hybrids, featured in the Chiddingstone wine served at the G7 dinner last year. Presumably no one told M

Mitterrand.

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yesterday. Michael Soames, a senior have promised to move there its role as an agent of central government, it could enjoy a do so. The agents will also be partner from Knight Frank & Rutley, said: "Despite the fact expected to sell the develop-Merseyside, where the company has a printing plant. DUDLEY Quirk, owner of British winemakers have turned up their the 65-acre Chiddingstone vineyard near Edenbridge in noses at our version of appellation Kent, could be forgiven for contrôlée, writes Michael Hornsby being a little jumpy this morning should any teleabove other English winemakers? "I think it may phone calls come in from Paris. His Pinot Noir '89 other English vintages and persuaded doubters at Buckingham Palace that it was last night put to the ultimate test the discrimibe because I make wine in the French style while most should be served. Paradoxically, the Pinot nating nose and tastebuds English wines are made in the German manner ... I keep the wine in French oak of President Mitterrand. Noir '89, though one of Enwho was served the dry white wine as guest of the gland's best wines, is still classed as "table wine", the bureaucratic euphemism for barrels, don't bottle it until Queen at a banquet at the 10 months after harvest and British embassy.

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Rapist who killed while on bail is jailed for life

A 26-YEAR-OLD man with a history of violent and sexual offences who raped and murdered a young woman after being released on bail on another rape charge was ailed for life at Bristol Crown Court yesterday.

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Andrew Hagans admitted murdering Anna McGurk, 23, a council clerk, near a riverside path in Gloucester last August. A jury convicted him of raping her at knife-point shortly before he strangled her with a piece of rope. Mr Justice Hutchison, sentencing him to life for murder and ten years imprison-ment for the rape, to run concurrently, said the circumstances of the offence were "truly horrifying".

When I have to report to the home secretary, I will make it clear that it is apparent to me that you are plainly a danger to women generally. Those who are charged with making the decision as to when, if ever you are released, should bear that fact in mind as they should bear in mind your previous convictions and history," he said.

Mrs McGurk's death,
shortly before her first wedding anniversary, has

family, police, MPs and women's groups for the rules governing the granting of bail to be revised. On August 4 last year, three weeks after being releasd from a threeyear prison term for his 28th conviction, Hagans was arrested and charged with raping a woman in Cheltenham. After a week on remand in jail he was granted bail by magistrates, despite strong opposition from

Eric Morgan, chairman of the bench, issued a statement saying that the bench had considered the conditions imposed to be sufficient to prevent further offending. Hagans had been ordered to live in a bail hostel and not go near Cheltenham. Sixteen days later he raped and murdered Mrs McGurk.

police, who called two officers

in evidence and gave details

of his criminal history.

The judge at an earlier hearing agreed to leave the other rape charge on the file.

After the hearing, Mrs
McGurk's mother, Kay Potts, said that she would continue her fight to get the rules relating to bail for violent offenders changed. These magistrates have Anna's blood on their hands. I

know Hagans killed Anna, but they let him do it. It is too late for Anna, but maybe we can stop something like this happening to another women and her family."

Det Supt Malcolm Hart, who led the murder inquiry, said Hagans was a menace to society, a calculating criminal who progressed from petty crime to planning the rape and murder while on remand as he watched the council workers walk home. across waste land. "He was ogling the women

and boasting about what he wanted to do to them. He has an air of arrogance. He's a real bragger. Nobody was safe with him on the streets." Michael Shersby, MP for

Uxbridge and parliamentary adviser to the Police Federation, said the decision by magistrates had been extraordinary. "The magistrates would seem to have known that this was a man with a long history of violent criminal activity. They should have listened to police, who so often have indepth knowledge of criminals' backgrounds."

Douglas French, the MP for Gloucester, demanded a change to the rules allowing



Life cut short: Andrew Hagans, right, raped and murdered Anna McGurk, 23, after he was released on bail for another rape

magistrates to overturn police objections to the grantine of bail in cases involving violence. In this case the decision had been contrary to all common sense, he said. "If they had listened to police, Hagans would not have committed this dreadful crime. The law needs to be urgently changed so that in cases of

murder, manslaughter and rape, magistrates cannot ignore well-informed police advice. In cases such as these. magistrates should not have the power to override police."

A spokesman for the Rape Crisis Centre said that given Hagans' record it was obvious he would re-offend if released on bail. "The whole issue of bail on serious offences like this must be looked at, and fast," she said. lowed

Hagans, of no fixed address, was placed under supervision at the age of 15 after threatening women at knifepoint and indecently assaulting three of them. A year later he was again placed under supervision for three years for burglary with intent to rape. Other offences fol-

A Home Office spokesman said there was no plan to alter the act, but that the system was under constant review. "We are acting to improve the availability of information to magistrates. which will in turn improve

the quality of their

Ray Robinson, chief probation officer for Gloucestershire, denied that his service bore any responsibility for Hagans being granted bail and said that the service shared the widespread sense of tragedy at Mrs McGurk's

Halford tells of 'CID drinky-poos'

POLICE on Merseyside held regular drinks sessions at their headquarters, one of which left high-ranking officers "legless and comatose", the industrial tribunal hearing Alison Halford's claim of sex discrimination was told

The force's CID would have "drinky-poos at the drop of a hat", she told the industrial tribunal where she is claiming sex discrimination blocked her way to a series of more senior posts. "It was known as a hard-drinking force," the 52-year-old assistant chief constable told her counsel, Eldred Tabachnik,

After one gathering in the suite of the police authority chairman, the then chief constable, Sir Kenneth Oxford, was led back to his office at Miss Halford's diary. In another, read to the Manchester hearing by Mr Tabachnik, she told of an "enormous VIP booze-up" following the CID annual inspection where nine bottles of

Children's Hospital said last

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A spokesman for the hospi-

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Laura, who was born with a

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Laura Davies, the four-year-

old British girl flown to the United States earlier this

Scotch were consumed. Mr Tabachnik said the diary identified two of Miss Halford's colleagues as being "legless" after the celebration and spending the night at police headquarters. Another was said to be "comatose".

Asked how often officers drank during working hours, Miss Halford replied: "I could be flippant and say, in my regard, whenever the chief constable pushed the boat out. That would be an honest answer. To be perfectly fair about it, obviously the chief constable had a hospitality cupboard and would offer a drink at the end of a policy meeting. If there was an official hinch he would provide drinks before the commencement. Occasionally, there would be some impromptu drinky-poos in his

But Miss Halford denied being drunk in the headquarters after returning from a semi-official visit to Haydock Park races, when she was alleged to have been abusive towards David Howe, a fel-

Laura operation

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the beginning of the month.

low assistant chief constable. She said she had drunk some champagne at the racecourse. "I lost everything in sight, backed all the wrong horses and watched Princess Anne gallop past. It was very

She said she had "burbled on" about it afterwards in the office of then deputy chief constable Jim Sharples, now chief constable. But she said it was a "wicked verbal" to allege she was drunk.

Mr Tabachnik asked her if any of her senior colleagues were ever told off or reprimanded when they over-in-dulged? She replied: "Not to my knowledge, no." Earlier, she told the hear-

ing she was "humiliated" by a ruling from Sir Kenneth that she was not to be given command of the force while he was ill. Despite being the longest-serving assistant chief constable in the force, when he was recovering in hospital and his deputy's post was vacant he had written instructions that all officers of her rank would have equal status.

while Sir Kenneth, now retired, was in hospital in 1988 he had told a nurse "that woman" would not run the force in his absence. Miss Halford said that because of her seniority she had stood in after the deputy chief constable left. But she said the memo from Sir Kenneth was just another ploy to see as little responsibility as possible was given to me".

Miss Halford said: "I found the whole tone humiliating, gross in its language, although deverly written, and a very clear indication I was not being valued in any shape or form by the chief constable despite the fact that I was doing my best to keep the force running in the absence of the chief constable and a deputy.

Miss Halford is claiming sex discrimination against Mr Sharples, the regional inspector of constabulary, the home secretary and the Northamptonshire Police Authority.

The hearing continues.

Family say youth in fear was left to die

BY RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE family of a teenager who hanged himself at a young offenders' institution last night accused the staff of leaving him to die.

They condemmed the treatment given to Johnny Cash who was found hanged after being told he was to be transferred to a prison with members of a gang who had bullied and beaten him.

On the day he died he should have been told he was going to crown court rather than Rochester prison on the lowing morning. Jo Whitty, the governor, said that was the result of a procedural error and that if Mr Cash had been told, he might

not have hanged himself. Ned Cash, the youth's 29year-old brother, said: "Why did they not let a doctor examine him? Instead they put him in a strip cell and let him kill himself."

Mr Cash was speaking after a jury at Hammersmith coroner's court returned an open verdict on Mr Cash who was found hanging by a sheet at Feltham Young Offenders' Institution, west London.

The jury accepted that Mr Cash, 18, from East Acton, west London, was in a state of fear after being told he was to be moved to Rochester prison. He was to be transferred with inmates who had bullied him after he "grassed" on them for abusing a cellmate. The jury said: "Mr Cash

was in a state of fear produced by the announcement that he was supposed to move to Rochester prison. He was not seen by a doctor that day and we cannot decide between suicide and an accidental verdict. We did not have any evidence about his state of mind at the time of his death."

Dr John Burton, the coroner, said that the jury had agreed its verdict by a majority of ten to one.

Deborah Coles of Inquest, a prison reform group, said: "Prison officers should have addressed Johnny's fears and



Laura Davies: facing another year in hospital

Islanders rebel against 'hellfire' preacher own rebel services which, despite Sanday it has proved to be totally

BY KERRY GILL

THE normally green and peaceful island of Sanday, northeast of maindistribute of the land Orkney, has become the centre of mounting fury over the "heilfire and brimstone" preaching manner of its resident Church of Scotland Artistic Art

Discontent, which has bubbled on the island for the past few months. has now boiled over with demands for the minister to be sent elsewhere and the appointment of a church committee to investigate what has been described as his 19th century. evangelical style. Rev Alex Buchan, who arrived on Sanday last year, is said to have condemned the islanders' irreligious behaviour - including wild dancing and drinking — from the pulpit.

Some elders have started their

being in contravention of church regulations, have halved Mr Buchan's congregation. Sanday's once-thriving Sunday school has virtually become defunct. Mothers boycotted the school after some of the more gruesome Old Testament stories

struck terror into their children. With the row threatening to get out of hand. Orkney Presbytery. the area church court, held a meeting on Tuesday night. After taking evidence from the elders and Mr Buchan, the presbytery appointed a superintendent's committee, to report back on

Mr Buchan's preaching methods. Myra Stockton, a teacher and elder involved in organising the rebel services at Sanday's school, told the presbytery: "While his 19th century evangelical style of preaching may be acceptable in some areas. in

unacceptable to the majority of the congregation, which is made up of people from a very wide variety of denominational backgrounds." She said the Sunday school was

attended by 46 children at the start of 1991 but was now no longer operational. "This started with the introduction of American-based evangelical material which concentrated largely on the Old Testament. It was further added to by the minister's inability to relate to children. An example of this was a story given to children in church in which he described men slashing their chests

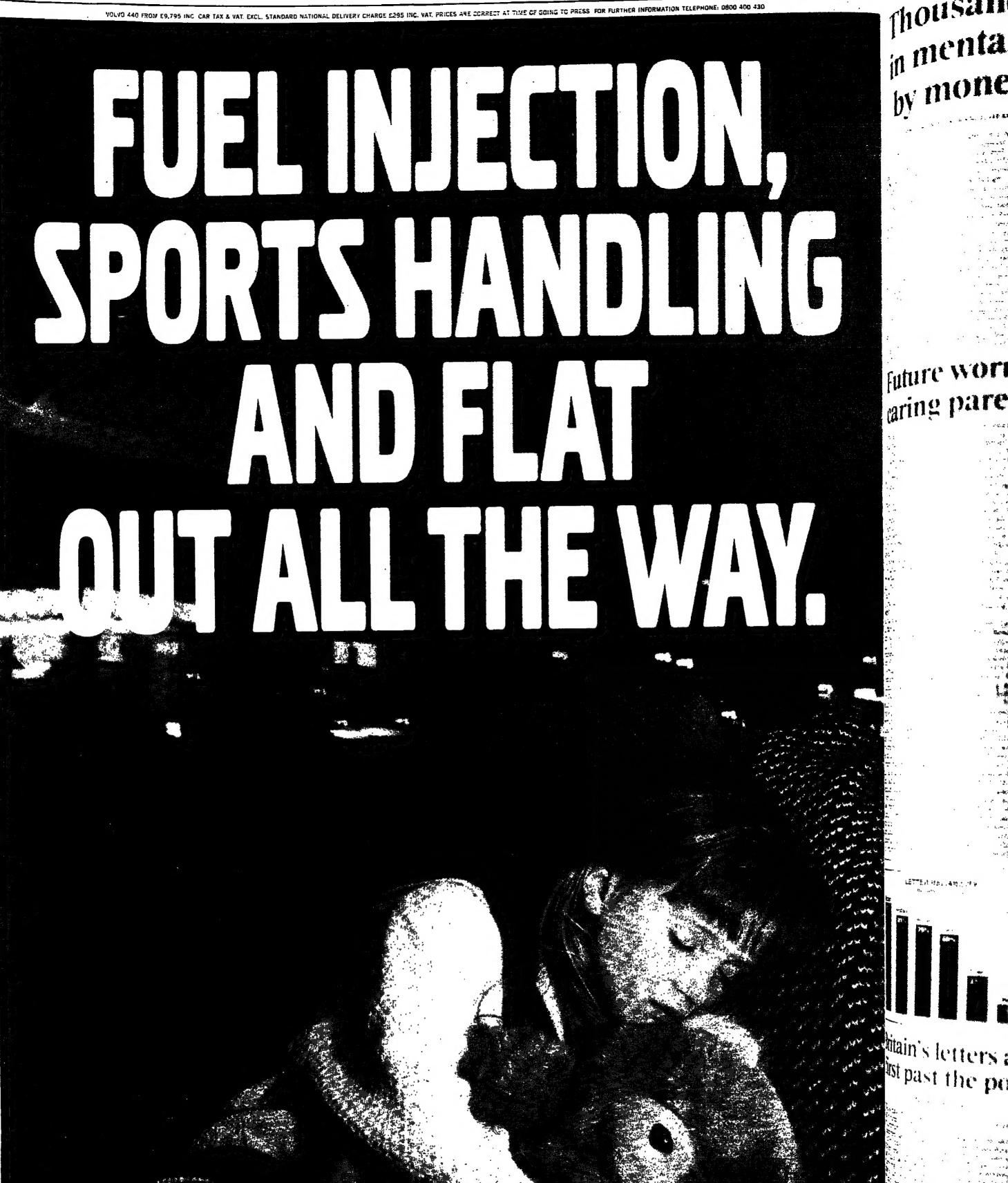
with knives and blood spurting out." Mr Buchan, she claimed, had criticised the entire community for drinking and dancing. "He almost never shows his face at island social events such as dances because, as he

puts it, 'the noise itself is deafening and the smell is worse'." she said, adding that he rarely used words such as "love, compassion, understanding, joy and happiness".

Mr Buchan, aged 58, accused the elders of defaming him. They had broken their ordination vows and should be disciplined for holding alternative services, he said. "We have heard about me having a 19th century evangelical style of preaching which consigns everyone to hell and that is just not true." He denied that he had castigated them for drinking and dancing, though he admitted he had complained about some of the festivities on the island on January 1. "You could hardly get to the Cross Church for the beer cans," he said. Mr Buchan planned to appeal to the Church of Scotland's commission of assembly.

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Thousands trapped in mental hospitals by money muddle

By Jeremy Laurance, Health Services correspondent

THOUSANDS of mentally handicapped people are trapped in long-stay institutions because local authorities cannot get their hands on the money which could release

them, a new study says. The authorities are also being overwhelmed with demands from aging parents who can no longer cope with caring for their mentally handicapped children at home, as places in the mental handicap hospitals have declined. The needs of both parents and children are

The study, by Values into Action, a national campaign for people with learning difficulties, says that the government should close all mental handicap hospitals, which house 25,000 people, within eight years. Arrangements for their closure are marked by "chaos and confusion" and the NHS reforms are making matters worse, the study says.

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Although the number of hospital residents has been halved in the past 20 years, there has been no organised transfer of funding. Local authorities have had no extra money to support families caring for mentally handi-capped children who would otherwise have been looked after in institutions.

Jean Collins, author of the report, said: "The authorities feel these families are their first priority, so they have nothing left to bring more people out of hospital." The closure rate had now slowed, she said. But the slower the

and training at Mencap,

said. "They go to bed at night

Future worries caring parents

FOR 29 years, May Bewsher has bathed, clothed, fed and comforted her daughter Sarah, who was brain damaged at birth. Sarah cannot walk or speak. She is doubly incomment, epileptic and diabetic. She sleeps sporadically, gnaws at her fingers until they are red and sore and needs regular exercising to eep her lungs clear (Jeremy aurance writes).

But Mrs Bewsher, who was dowed more than 20 years ago, is now aged 68. She has anthritis and tires easily. "I do ory what will happen to arah. I hope I outlive her— all then I feel awful thinking t." she said.

Twenty years ago, Sarah ould have gone into institufional care as she approached eduithood. But now, as the mental handicap hospitals have closed, there is no place for her. People moved out of the hospitals under the dosure programme of the past two decades were provided for in the community. But those already in the commu-

ity have got nothing. The problem has been compounded by a boom in the young adult handicapped. They were born in the sixties, save many babies who earlier would have died. (By the seventies, advanced screening techniques reduced the number born again.)

Now their parents are ag-ing and some have died. There are women in their eighties and nineties who are still getting their children up n the morning," Matthew

on the upkeep of "doomed buildings" until the remaining residents are moved out. In one hospital earmarked for closure, £2.5 million is being spent on refurbishing the kitchens. NHS managers are reluc-

tant to hand over money to social services departments to provide alternative services in the community. Of the ten areas studied, Ms Collins found only two where manag-ers on both sides were sufficiently committed to making community care work by transferring funds. "Some NHS managers said it was legally impossible to give the social services money but this is not true. The mechanisms are complex and many managers don't know how they

Ms Collins said that the emphasis on business viabil-ity for NHS trusts had provided a "smokescreen for the reversal of the community care policy". Hospitals which had been expected to close were expanding. "It is difficult for a trust to work towards its own closure," she

Tim Yeo, junior minister at the health department, said that significant progress had been made in closing the mental handicap hospitals.



Placido Domingo meets the Russian mezzo soprano Olga Borodina in London yesterday before they appear in Samson et Dalila at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden from Saturday. His performances mark the 21st anniversary of his Covent

Garden debut. Some shows will be relayed by video screen to crowds in the Covent Garden Piazza. Domingo, 52, said it was the excitement of his roles that made his many fans see him as a sex symbol. "It never occurred to me I might be a heart-

Equality body defends race record

By RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Day, chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality, has defended the commission's own record on employment and race practices in the wake of criticism by black and Asian women employees that it failed to provide them with equal opportunities.

"We must provide a model of good practice as an organ-isation concerned with equal opportunities and working to promote good relations be-tween different racial groups," he said when introducing the commission's annual report yesterday.

It reported that it has re-

ceived more than 300 submissions on changes to the Race Relations Act, including 50 from groups, mainly Mus-lim, who want the law to intervene in the area of religious discrimination. Almost £500,000 was paid

in damages and settlements as a result of race discrimination cases during 1991. The number of people seeking help from the commission during the year rose by 20 per cent to 1,655.

The commission called for the home secretary to be given powers to order ethnic monitoring in companies and in areas such as housing and education, as part of tougher laws to combat racial discrimination.

Scientists develop the green bottle

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

BRITISH consumers anxious to display their green credentials might soon have the chance to dispose of their old plastic bottles by tossing them on the compost heap.

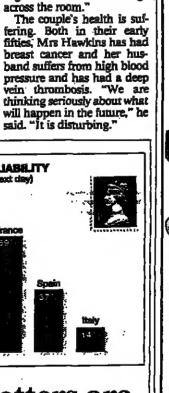
ICl yesterday announced that it has boosted produc-tion of its biodegradable plastic. Biopol, to 300 tonnes a year and a British packag-ing company, HPL, has be-gun making cosmetic con-tainers from the material.

Biopol is a natural polymer made by the bacterium Alcaligenes eutrophus, which creates it as a means of storing carbon and energy in the same way as the human body stores fat. ICI produces the material in its Billingham plant on Teesside by feeding the bacteria in large ferment-ers with glucose. The bacte-ria then produces the

The polymer can then be made into films, fibres or bottles which are durable in normal use but rot when dumped in a properly-man-aged landfill site or domestic compost beap. David Bar-stow, general manager of biopolymers at ICI, says that a Biopol film would degrade in ordinary soil in about a week, while a bulkier object like a bottle might take a couple of years.

He expects production to increase to 5,000 tonnes by the mid 1990s.

not knowing what will hap-pen if they don't wake up." The scale of the problem facing health and local su-thorities is huge. Some warn that a social catastrophe is looming. In one region alone, North West Thames, over 2,400 mentally handicapped people with an average age of 30 are living at home. Almost half their parents are aged over 60. "We calculate that 50 to 60 sets of parents will die every year so their child-ren will need providing for." Professor Ben Sacks, of the department of mental handicap at Charing Cross Hospi-Cliff and Lena Hawkins share Mrs Bewsher's fear of what will happen when they die. Their daughter Linda, 31, was brain damaged at birth after Mrs Hawkins was left in labour for 48 hours before having an emergency caesarean. Linda babbles constantly, has abrupt changes of mood, sleeps poorly and can kick or scratch unpredictably, "We get no sleep," Mrs Hawkins said. "She screams and shouts all



Britain's letters are first past the post

LETTER RELIABILITY

BY NICHOLAS WATT

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day delivery, compared with Britain's 24p, managed a rate of 75 per cent.

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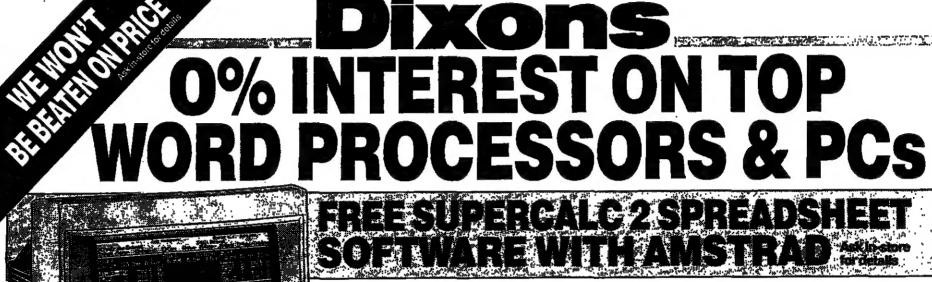
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It was a considerable improvement on Royal Mail's performance four years ago. when 74.5 per cent of firstclass letters arrived the day after posting. But Mr Cock-burn said he was still looking for improvements and Royal Mail would be spending more than £1.6 billion

over the next five years. He unveiled a £1.5 million computerised laser system that will link the Royal Mail with the postal systems of France, Germany and Ireland, Royal Mail sends 217 million letters and packets to the three countries each year and the system, known as Computer Aided Post in Europe, will track mail bags at each

stage of their journey. Mr Cockburn said that Royal Mail had completed its most ambitious computer-system to improve deliveries across Britain. The Ell million scheme -Delivery by Air, Road and Rail Transport - has been installed in every main sorting office and will iron Britain strongly as the mail- out bottlenecks and delays.





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Hess came with a personal mission to make peace between Britain and Germany. His dream was doomed to failure. He believed that there was a genuine opposition to the government which could be stirred up to take his peace proposals seriously, when in fact the politicians and the people were united behind Churchill.

The Hess mission has generated countless books, many of them adding fuel to the conspiracy theories which have flourished largely because the records have remained locked away. The announcement by Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, last week that the Hess papers were to be released presented the first opportunity to see whether the remaining mysteries of the affair could be cleared up.

The first batch was released at the Public Records Office yesteday. The rest are to be released over the next few weeks, although one document is being withheld for national security reasons.

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So, was the pilot who parachuted from his burning Messerschmitt into a farmer's field near Dungavel, home of the Duke of Hamilton, Rudolf Hess or an Impostor? If it was Hess, was his "mission of peace" authorised by Hitler? And was the whole incident a plot by MI6 to lure Hess to Britain?

In one of the more celebrated books, Dr Hugh Thomas, a British army surgeon who treated Hess in Spandau where he was held for 40 years until he died, aged 93, in 1987, said that the inmate was not the former deputy führer. He claimed there was no trace of scarring on the prisoner's chest which would have been expected as Hess received a bullet wound in

Secret documents threw new light yesterday on Hess's flight to Britain, reports Michael Evans

the first world war. Dental records could be the crucial factor. In Hess, a tale of two murders, Dr Thomas said he had been assured by Kathe Heusermann, assistant to Hess's pre-war dentist, that the deputy filtrer had no bridgework. Her surgery records disappeared in the 1945 siege of Berlin. Dr Thomas said if the dental x-rays showed bridgework, the man who landed in Scotland and was later jailed for life at Nuremberg was not Hess.

Yesterday's released papers appear to resolve these key problems. Those who interviewed him, especially Lord Simon, the Lord Chancellor, were convinced that he was whom he claimed. There is no doubt recorded in any of the reports and letters, all of which were due to have stayed classified until 2017.

The dental records also reveal no sign of bridgework. So, unless Kathe Heusermann was mistaken about Hess's treatment, prior to 1941, the x-rays would appear to provide conclusive evidence that Hess, the man who parachuted into Scotland and the prisoner of Spandau were one person.

Final judgments on Hess's

motives for coming to Britain and the possible involvement of M16 will have to rest until the government releases all the papers, including those of M16. Intelligence records have traditionally been kept from public gaze and yesterday's release of papers made no reference to Sir Stewart Menzies, M16 chief at the time of Hess's flight to Britain, and one of the senior officials known to have been involved in his case.

Hess took off from Augsburg, 300 miles from Britain,

at 3.45pm on May 10, 1941. He was plotted flying over the Northumberland coast and attempts were made to shoot him down. But he was travelling too fast. He landed by parachute at Eaglesham, south of Glasgow, where he was confronted by a startled farmer and arrested by the Home Guard.

Hess, wearing a leather flying jacket, said his name was Captain Alfred Horn of the Luftwaffe and that he had an urgent message for the Duke of Hamilton, Scotland's premier peer, who was a wing commander in the area. The duke was the first of several important people to talk to Hess in the days and weeks that followed. They were to include Lord Simon Ivone Kirkpatrick, a senior Foreign Office official, who had served at the embassy in Berlin and had met Hess, and later Lord Beaverbrook.

The declassified papers serve to confirm the evidence already produced in numerous books. Hess was on a personal mission without the direct authority of Hitler. While he was confided in by Hitler, as an intimate associate, Hess was not a member of the inner circle around the dictator and knew nothing of operational secrets and strategic thinking.

The interrogation by Lord Simon, who introduced himself to Hess as Dr Guthrie, exposed a man who believed that fate dictated he should take it upon himself to forge a peace with Britain to prevent further slaughter.

There is no indication of presentiment for his fate.

His loving letters to his family, especially to wife Ilse

and young son, Buz, are countered by a report from Brigadier J. R. Rees, consul-

tant psychiatrist of the army.

who tended Hess during his

captivity in Britain. He wrote

that he had suffered from

"periodic spells of depression

and generalised nervousness

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nia and from attacks of ab-

Was Hess mad? According

to his British interrogators he

showed all the signs of a mental condition. His peace

mission was his obsession

and when he realised that he

had failed, he tried to commit

leaping over the stairwell at

Mytchett Park, an interroga-

tion centre near Aldershot to

which he was moved from

Hess's obvious lack of

knowledge of Hitler's long- or

short-term strategies is un-

derlined in Lord Simon's in-

terrogation. Stalin was con

vinced that Hess had told the

British that Hitler was plan-

ning an attack on Russia. On

June 22, 1941, six weeks after

Hess's flight, Hitler launched Operation Barba-

rossa against Russia. Asked

about a possible invasion of

Russia, Hess merely laughed

dismissed

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dominal discomfort".

Many times he was asked whether Hitler had sent him. He denied it on each occasion. This was, he said. "a self-imposed" mission. His failed attempt to change the course of the war and of history turned Hess into a disillusioned and depressed figure. His letters home, also released yesterday, give the impression of a man indulging in sentimental musings about what life would be like once the war was over and he had returned to his family.



Right hand man: Hess with Hitler, but he was not a member of the inner circle

HITLER'S DEPUTY ESCAPES TO BRITAIN

FLIGHT FROM GERMANY IN A
MESSERSCHMITT

PARACHUTE LANDING NEAR GLASGOW

BERLIN ON HESS'S "MENTAL DISORDER"

It was announced late last night from 10, Downing Street that Rudolf Hess. Hitler's Deputy, had flown from Germany to Scotland. He had jumped by parachuse and landed near Glasgow, where he is at present in hospital suffering from a broken ankle. He brought with him photographs to prove his identity.

Headline news: how The Times reported the Hess incident on May 13, 1941



Mission impossible: an army officer examines the wreckage of Hess's Messerschmitt

Enter the man who can save Britain

TWO senior British figures, both appearing under false names, were selected for the crucial interrogation of Rudolf Hess after he had arrived in Scotland on May 10, 1941. The interrogation lasted nearly three hours during which time Hess portrayed himself as the man who could save Britain from

Lord Simon, the Lord Chancellor but posing as Dr Guthrie, a psychiatrist, and Ivone Kirkpatrick, a senior Foreign Office official calling himself Dr Mackenzie, supported by a German witness, Herr Maass, an interpreter. Captain Barnes, and a secretary, Lieutenant Reade, questioned Hess on June 9, 1941, between 2,30pm and 5,30pm. Hess is referred to throughout the written account of the inter-

rogation as Jonathan.
Hess did most of the talking, interrupted occasionally by Lord Simon, who wished to clarify certain points. Hess appeared in no hurry to explain why he had dropped out of the sky so

unexpectedly.

In a detailed, 16-page hand-written letter, dated the following day, Lord Simon said he had reached "very definite" conclusions about Hess. First of all.

A three-hour interrogation of Hess left the chief inquisitor with the picture of a confused man on a freelance mission

Hess had come on his own initiative. "He had not flown over on the orders, or with the permission or previous knowledge of Hitler," he said.

"It is a venture of his own. If he achieved his purpose and got us to negotiate with a view to the sort of peace Hitler wanted, he would have justified himself and served the Führer well. When he contemplates the failure of his 'mission', he becomes emotionally dejected and fears he has made a fool of himself. I see no reason to infer that he fied from Germany in fear of his life."

Germany in fear of his life."
Hess kept on asking for a
further meeting with the
Duke of Hamilton, under
the "delusion" that "der
Herzog", as he called him,
would be the means of getting him in touch with
people "of a different view
from the 'clique' who are
holding Hess prisoner".
Hess wanted to see the duke
because he had been advised by a mutual friend, Dr
Albrecht Haushofer, that he

would be amenable to

Dr Hanshofer had written to the duke on September 23, 1940, from Berlin, offering to meet him in Lisbon. The letter was intercepted and passed to MI5 and the duke was asked to go to Lisbon to see what it was all

about.

The meeting never took place and the declassified documents show that the duke had no inkling that the invitation to Lisbon had anything to do with Hess.

Lord Simon said he was

convinced that Hess had made his unauthorised flight to Scotland because his position and authority in Germany had declined, "and that if he could bring off the coup of early peace on Hitler's terms, he would confirm his position as Hitler's chief lieutenant".

Hess provided Lord Simon with an "exhaustive" description in general terms of the pending increase of German military strength and emphasised again and again that German victory was certain.

Eventually, Hess came to "my plan". Peace between Germany and Britain could be arranged provided there was an agreement that Germany would retain its "sphere of influence" over continental Europe, leaving Britain to control its empire, although ex-German colonies, including Southwest Africa, would have to be returned.

"It is clear to me that Hess's plan is his genuine effort to reproduce Hitler's own mind, as expressed by him in many consultations," Lord Simon said. Hess would never dream of making such proposals on his own, he said.

Hess disclosed that he had been considering a mission to Britain for some time and had made plans to leave Germany on four separate occasions.

Lord Simon drew attention to Hess's mental condition. At the close of the interview, Hess asked to be alone with Lord Simon and "the self-control he had exhibited when others were present was no longer maintained".

He made an extraordinary

accusation that he was being poisoned by his British captors. He also claimed that noises were deliberately being made at night to prevent him sleeping.



Suicide note paid tribute to fuhrer

RUDOLF Hess wrote two suicide notes before he tried to take his own life by throwing himself over the stairwell at an interrogation centre near Aldershot. In two letters, to Hitler and to his family, he made it clear he wanted to die

(Michael Evans writes).

To Hitler he wrote: "My last greeting is for you who have made my life meaningful for two decades. You made my life worth living again after the collapse of 1918. For you and for Germany I have been able to be active and

He asked Hitler to accept his thanks "from all my heart" for everything he had given him. "I write these lines in clear recognition of the fact that I have no other way out, as difficult as this end is for me. I commend my relatives, including my old parents, to

your charge."
Ending his letter with "heil mein führer" and signing your loyal Rudolf Hess". he wrote: "I die in the conviction that my last mission, even though it ended in death, will somehow bear fruit."

The letter was dated June 14, 1941. On the same day he wrote to his family, sending his "nice greeting" as "I'm forced to end my life". He said he had no other choice. Even his plan to kill himself failed. He injured his leg but survived the fall the next day.

After that, according to a

and friends, all censored by MI5. Hess settled down to a way of life which included a daily visit from a doctor. When he mentioned this in

a letter home, M15 blacked it out because it was feared Dr Goebbels, the German propaganda minister, "might tear it from the context and proclaim that he was now in a miserable state of health owing to our treatment of him." That could have led to Hess's repatriation, something the British government wanted to avoid at all costs. There were similar concerns when Hess mentioned in one letter home that he feared he was being poisoned.

Although his letters were mostly harmless ramblings of a man missing his family, he made personal complaints about the way he was being treated in protests to his

When he landed, his effects, including a camera, photographs of himself and his son and medicines, were seized. He asked for them back but his request was refused. There is no mention in the papers released yesterday of any letter to King George VI, which has been claimed in one book on the Hess

affair.

Hess also asked for a piece of his crashed plane as a memento. This, too, was refused. However, his jailers agreed to give him books he requested, including a copy of

Three Men in a Boat.



Judges cannot sway treatment of baby

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

COURTS will not order doctors to carry out treatment against their dinical judgment, Lord Donaldson of Lymington, the Master of the Rolls, said yesterday.

To do so would be "an abuse of power". He was giving the Court of Appeal's reasons for refusing last week to order doctors to put a severely brain-damaged boy on a life support machine if his condition deteriorated.

Delineating the limits beyond which courts will not interfere in the doctor-patient relationship, Lord Donald-son said he could "not conceive of any circumstances" in which such an order would be right. The Master of the Rolls repeated what he had said in a previous case: "No doctor can be required to treat a child, whether by the court in the exercise of its wardship jurisdiction, by the parents, by the child or any-

Lord Donaldson and Lords Justices Balcombe and Leggatt had overturned a High Court order won by the baby's mother that a London health authority must make choices as to which patients to

available drugs and equipment to prolong his life pending a full court hearing over his future next week.

The 16-month-old boy, referred to only as Baby J, suffered severe injuries in a fall. Cared for by devoted foster parents, he is para-lysed, blind, suffers from epilepsy, has to be fed by tube and is totally dependent on others. He has such a poor chance of life that doctors oppose putting him on a

Lord Donaldson said a doctor's duty to his patient was to carry out treatment in accordance with his best clinical judgment, even though oth-ers not involved might dis-agree with him. The order granted to the mother by Mr Justice Waite in the High Court was wholly inconsistent previous cases. The order also left the health authority uncertain as to what was required of it and did not adequately take into account the fact that authorities faced with too few human and material resources had to make treat. "It has to be borne in mind that artificial ventilation of a young child in an intensive care unit is highly intensive of highly skilled

staff," he said. The judge emphasised the court was not ruling out Baby J being placed on a ventilator. The situation might change and the decision must be taken in the light of existing circumstances, he said.

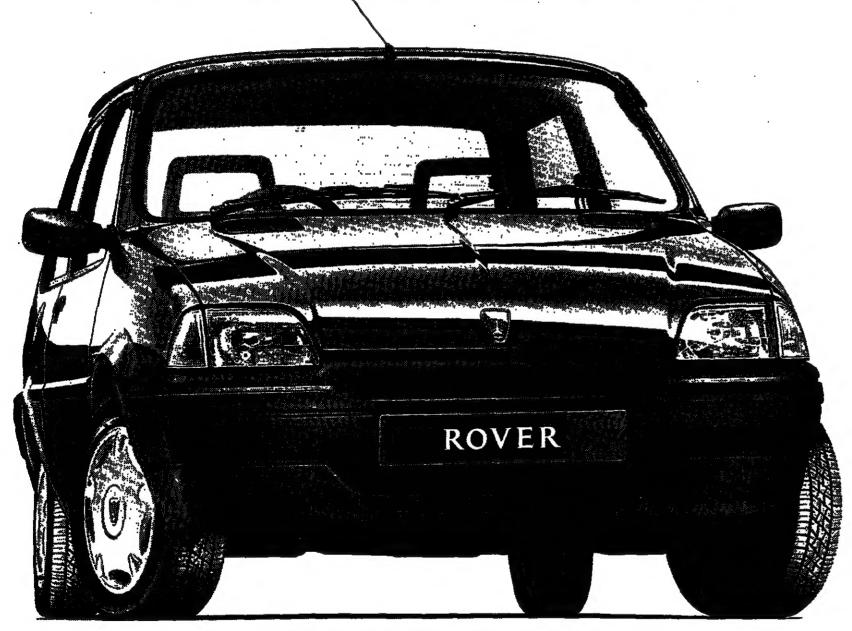
Lord Justice Balcombe pointed out that to order a doctor to treat a child contrary to his or her clinical judgment would place a conscientious doctor in an impossible position - either obey the order or disobey and be accused of contempt of court.
"Any judge would be most reluctant to punish the doctor for such contempt, which seems to me a very strong indication that such an order should not be made."

Lord Justice Leggatt said: The reality is that the court has not given to doctors any right they did not previously have. It has merely declined to deprive them of a power which it is for them alone to



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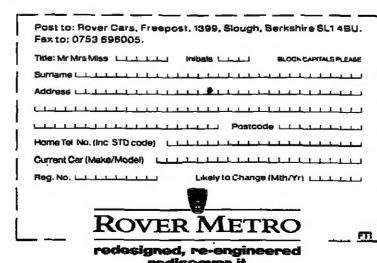
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Longboat charts course of history By KERRY GILL

A REPLICA of a twelfth century Celtic galley sailed from the west coast of Scotland yesterday on a 400-mile voyage to The Faeroes and Shetland, using only sail and our. It will trace the ancient trading routes of the sea kingdom once ruled by the MacDonald clan.

By reviving the skills of longboat sailing and navigation, the voyage will aid research into Scotland's medieval history and the origins of the Celtic revival in the Hebrides. The design of the Hebridean boat, which has a crew of eight, was based on medieval Celtic carvings found on Harris and in Iona cathedral.

Fittingly, it was built last year by MacDonald Brothers, a wooden boatbuilding yard in Donegal. Named Aileach, after a fourth century Celtic princess, the vessel

underwent rigorous testing in coastal waters before being pronounced safe for the open

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The Facroes were occupied by Irish and Scottish monks during the eighth century but were later overrun by Vikings. Vessels similar to the Aileach eventually broke the Vikings' sea power and the area returned to Celtic rule in the rwelfth century.

No support ship will accompany the Aileach and the crew will be at the mercy of the sea once the longboat leaves Stornoway in the Western Isles, although life rafts will be carried. Among the crew on the voyage, which is sponsored by a malt whisky manufacturer, is Andrew Rogers of Glasgow University, who will test the performance and design of the longboat.



The blue tit: cheating on its partner

Blue tits play fast and loose

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

THE blue tit's reputation for monogamy is exaggerat-ed. Not only do both sexes engage in affairs behind their partner's backs, but females are apparently able to select the fittest males with whom to conduct these discreet liaisons.

An exhaustive 12-year study in a Belgian wood has shown that males who father more young and live longer enjoy more pestering by footloose females. Males who are smaller survive less well, father fewer young and are more likely to be deserted. A team led by Bert Kempenaers of the University of Antwerp studied a colony of more than 80 blue tits, establishing the parentage of the young through genetic fingerprinting. Blood samples were taken from adults caught temporarily in traps and from 14day-old nestlings to establish which males were the most successful in fathering young, both with their own mates and with other females.

Reporting the results in Nature. Dr Kempenaers says that some males get far more attention from females than others. Females paired with these attractive males do not leave them when they are fertile, while females paired with unattractive males - those who seldom get propositioned by other females — often visit neighbouring males.

Monogamy would appear to be a cover for a much more subtle strategy that is designed to ensure that the fittest survive while the

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hospital death case remand

A roofer aged 20 was remanded in custody yesterday charged with murdering Graeme Woodhatch in the Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, last month.

Deith Bridges, of Camden. northwest London, was arrested on Sunday. He did not speak during the 15minute hearing at Hampstead magistrates' court. northwest London and was remanded in custody for eight days. There was no application for bail.

Mr Woodhatch, 38, a contractor roofer who had been in the hospital for treatment for haemorrhoids, was shot on May 24 as he spoke on the telephone.

Locos saved

Two steam locomotives taken out of service in Poland have been saved from the scrapyard and sent to the Midland Railway Centre in Ripley, Derbyshire, where volunteers have spent £20,000 restoring them.

Park protest

BT is to be prosecuted by the North York Moors National Park committee over its removal last month of a green grade two listed telephone box from Fangdale Beck.

Crash award

Anthony Gould-Davies, 35, 4 sound recordist from Reigate. Surrey, won £125,000 High Court damages for the death of his wife and their unborn child in a crash.

Second wind

South Lakeland planners are supporting an amended wind farm plan with 12 threebladed turbines on Kirkby Moor, overlooking the Lake District National Park.

Longest drop

Fifteen Royal Marine commandos from Plymouth are to abseil 1.465ft down the world's highest building, the CN tower in Toronto, on July Canada Day.

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Clarke urges police to regain public confidence

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S law abiding majority needs reassurance that it can continue to have faith in the police, Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, told a conference of chief officers yesterday. Police must work harder to regain lost confi-

There must be no covering up by police and they must accept valid criticism, Mr Clarke told the summer conference of the Association of Chief Police Officers in Eastpourne, East Sussex.

In his second important speech on policing since tak-ing office, Mr Clarke said

Yard costs rise 11% in a year

THE cost of policing London has risen by more than 11 per cent in the last year, according to figures released yesterday (Douglas Broom writes).
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trol costs in the Metropolitan Police, the force compiles an internal "ready reckoner", updated annually, to enable divisional commanders to estimate the cost of operations. The latest edition shows that costs have risen by between 7.5 and 20 per cent, with the biggest increase in the cost of running car fleets.

A police commander costs £387 a day, up from £349 last year, while the cost of employ-ing a chief superintendent rose from £288 to £321. A superintendent costs £299, a chief inspector £252, an inspector £229, a sergeant £192 and a constable £156.

☐ Running a police air support unit with helicopters can cost no more than maintaining one or two motorway patrols, the conference of chief police officers was told.

Ray White, chief constable of Dyfed Powys, said a recent Home Office study showed it would take 12 men 454 hours to search a square mile of land at a cost of £5,500. A helicopter could do the job in



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Source: Metropolitan police

officers had to act more professionally whether investigating crime or interviewing irate motorists. The hallmark of a professional was composure, patience and enthusiasm in the face of adversity. Traffic offences, for example, must be dealt with in a way that fitted that type of misdemeanor. "The indignant middle class citizen who behaves badly when stopped for speeding should remain someone who will continue to support the police in every way if he has not been outraged by the way he has been

Mr Clarke said: "My gut feeling is middle England, which supports the police, wants to be reassured. I think the majority of people in this country are solid citizens who need to be assured the police deserve their full confidence."

Mr Clarke said that attempts at better management or improving the quality of police service to the public could not alone restore the damage caused by miscarriages of justice and malprac-tice. The public had every right to expect those who up-held the law to honour the law and probity was the most important asset a policeman

The chief constables, as police leaders, needed to ensure that justice was enforced with the highest levels of integrity. The police had to accept the fact that it was a lesser evil for a guilty man to go free than for an innocent man to be convicted, especially of a serious crime.

The police had to err on the side of the "civilised assumption" that a genuine benefit of the doubt had to be given to the suspect. Officers must accept that it was normal for suspects to be accompanied by their solicitors. There was no future for the police in continuing to complain about recent legislation on questioning and interviewing

Mr Clarke had been expected to comment on plans for an enquiry into police pay, conditions and management but he said he would say

nothing further. Commenting on Mr Clarke's views on the treat-ment of traffic offenders, Peter Joslin, chief constable of Warwickshire and an expert on road traffic policing, said police treated all motorists the same, whatever their social status. The enforcement of traffic laws was not some perverted attempt by the police to persecute motorists but was intended to save lives.

Student debt calls the tune at summer balls

Traditional college revels are feeling the pinch but not facing extinction, writes Matthew d'Ancona

ARE the summer revels of Oxford and Cambridge college balls - the fizzing champagne, the white tie and the unforgettable dawn after a night of glittering decadence - facing extinction?

This week Pembroke College, Cambridge, announced the cancellation of its century-old ball, due to be held on Tuesday. The organisers had needed to sell at least 400 tickets to break even, but were forced by the poor re-sponse to refund the handful of students who had already paid £143 for a double ticket. Michael Kuczynski, a fellow of the college, said that the cancellation had been

embarrassing. "I had to apologise to everyone who bought tickets," he said. "There is definitely an economic factor. But also, with mixed colleges people tend to come together and not invite outsiders, which cuts the number of tickets sold by

Pembroke's is not the first Cambridge ball to have been struck by dwindling enthusi-asm. Last year Sidney Sussex and Downing Colleges had to collaborate to ensure financial viability, while in Ox-ford the St Hilda's ball made

a substantial loss.
Only five Oxford colleges are holding traditional balls this summer, half the number of last year. Yet all is not lost for these glittering rituals



Summer night's dream: students at last year's ball at Magdalen College, Oxford, where the tradition shows no signs of decline

of adolescence. University College, Oxford, has sold all 1,300 tickets for a "Shelley Ball" on June 27 in honour of its poet alumnus. New College's ball has sold

out, in spite of the £165 price

for a double ticket. Charlotte Boyd, treasurer of the ball committee, said: "There has been no mention of a boycott. It's an amazing occasion

oing to get the chance to do Anthony Smith, president of Magdalen College, Oxford, said that last year's ball

had been the most enjoyable

think the tradition is in decline at all. My feeling is that balls are playing a different role than in the past. They are not a celebration of the upper class, although of

at their expense." To replace such events with "a tea-dance at £10 a wiches", he said, would be to

Ex-nurse denies all charges

By CRAIG SETON

A FORMER hospital nurse denied murdering four children and attempting to murder 11 other people when she appeared at Nottingham Crown Court yesterday. Beverley Allitt, 23, who worked at the Grantham and Kesteven Hospital in Grantham, Lincoinshire, pleaded not guilty

to 26 charges.

Miss Allitt, formerly of Grantham, denied murdering three babies aged between eight weeks and 15 months and a boy aged 11 to cause grievous bodily harm to nine other children at the hospital last year. She also denied attempting to murder or to cause grievous bodily harm to a Peterborough boy aged 16 and to a 79-year-old woman staying at a Leicester-

shire nursing home. She was remanded in custody. Her trial is due to start at Leicester Crown Court in

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HOW LUTON COULD BE DEVELOPED

Luton reaches for the sky

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

LUTON is emerging as the surprise favourite for development as Britain's next premier airport.

A government-appointed committee, set up to study options for an additional runway in the South-East. believes that environmental objections could rule out any big development at existing airports until well into the next century. They also believe that the expected growth in demand can be met for many years within the existing airports through the use of larger jets and improvements in air traffic control.

Although a few extra aircraft movements could be queezed into Heathrow, additional capacity will have to be found somewhere by the end of the depreferably at an

used. Political expediency, reduced cost and the run-down of the American military base at Upper Heyford have convinced many on the committee that Luton, long regarded as London's forgotten airport, could grow to almost ten times its existing size and draw short-haul airlines away from Heathrow. Heathrow could then provide more long-haul international services using a new generation of 700-

seater aircraft. The committee has studied plans for the building of a new rail and coach terminal on derelict land owned by Vauxhall Motors where the M1 crosses the main railway line; for an extension to the runway so that it can take the biggest jets, a new taxiway and the rede-

velopment of the existing

terminal area to handle up

to 20 million passengers a year. Local authorities and airlines who are backing the scheme are convinced that private industry would help to fund the development, which could be completed at a fraction of the cost of building a new runway.

If the scheme is approved by the committee, it will be it to government for a final decision by the end of the year and development work could begin in 1997. The committee has ruled out Bournemouth, Southampton and Bristol as sites for a new runway.

The potential development of Luton has been made possible largely because of the rundown of the Upper Heyford USAF base. American jets armed with nuclear weapons needed a 40 mile secure corridor to approach the airfield.

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Labour makes its peace with opt-out schools

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR yesterday called a truce with grant maintained schools, although the party will continue to oppose opting out and selective education in

The softer line, contained in an advice note to Labour's National Executive Committee, may lead to a retreat from the policy of returning all grant maintained schools to their local authorities. A review team will make recommendations to a party conference before the next

Jack Straw, the party's education spokesman, said: "The landscape is going to be different in four years' time and the test of education policy is not what's best for the bureaucrats or the system but what is best for the children."

Until a final decision is made, Labour-controlled councils will be urged to drop their hostility towards schools choosing to opt out. Local conferences will be organised to discuss the role of education authorities, but the party will not support the so-called mass opt-outs being considered in some areas. Some councils may also run a referendum of parents.

John Patten, the education secretary, accused Labour of

capitulation. "Within just weeks of the general election, Labour's stance on opting out has gone from vehement opposition to grudging acceptance. Labour has once again moved on to the Conservatives' agenda. It has been persuaded by the arguments of thousands of parents, teachers and school governors who are voting with their feet and taking their schools out of the stranglehold of local education authority control. I now predict that within 12 months the Labour party's capitulation over our education reforms will be complete."

Mr Straw, however, argued that Labour was simply recognising the consequences of its election defeat. "The community of schools is under threat of being broken up, but parents and governors may feel bound to make decisions about what they think is best for their school. Labour must not appear to be placed in a hostile position of opposition to such parents."

The advice note, which was approved by local government leaders, urges education authorities to reduce their role, adopt an evenhanded approach to opt-out schools and try to gain con-



Classroom truce: Jack Straw, left, and David Blunkett announcing Labour's new education policy yesterday

tracts to sell them services. Councils should be ready to support opt-out schools where parents and governors see them as the best way forward. Labour still believes, how-

ever, that opting out will lead rigour." to a two-tier education system with no improvement in stan-

less parental choice, fewer parental rights," said Mr Straw. "It is an essentially anarchic process, lacking coherence or The rethink aimed "to

dards. "Opting out will mean

selection by the back door,

make sure that the Tories

bear full responsibility for what they have unleashed". Mr Straw highlighted Wandsworth, in southwest London, where parents and governors at three schools were considering opting out to retain their comprehensive

status in the face of the Con-

servative council's moves to introduce selection.

Bob Balchin, the chairman of the Grant Maintained Schools Foundation, said: "I would be very pleased indeed to think that Jack Straw would be successful in persuading his local government

colleagues to cease their vicious hostility against grant maintained schools, although I'm doubtful that he will be."

The change of policy was criticised by the Socialist Educational Association. which is affiliated to Labour. "This apppears to be a sellout. The policy has been made without proper consultation within the party and we shall be making an official complaint," Graham Lane. the general secretary, said. You cannot have it both ways, either schools want local education authority sup-

port or they opt out." Don Foster, the Liberal Democrat education spokesman, called for a new partnership between schools and local communities. "All schools should have greater flexibility in relation to the national curriculum and be allowed to control their own financial management," he said. "LEAs should be stripped of many of their current powers but should take on responsibility for strategic planning, quality control and an Acas-style role in disputes

between governors and staff." He said present opt-out ar-rangements had left the gov-ernment "like Dr Frankenstein creating a monster over which it has little

Tax help for small business

BY ROBERT MORGAN

THE government's policy of reducing corporation tax for vibrant and vigorous small company sector. Stephen Dorrell, financial secretary to the Treasury, said in a Commons debate yesterday. Since the Tories came to power in 1979, 400,000 businesses had been created and were active, he said.

Speaking as MPs started the lengthy committee stage of the Finance bill, which puts into effect the Budget propos-als announced in early March, Mr Dorrell emphasised the importance the government attached to the small

He said ministers should do something to ease the diffi-culties caused by the uniform business rate, and that there should be measures to deal with the late payment of bills. Judith Chaplin, the new Tory MP for Newbury, making her maiden speech, said that while VAT on bloodstock sales was 17 b per cent in Britain, in France and Ireland it was lower.

business sector.

MPs endorsed a clause in the bill which maintains corporation tax for small companies at the present level whereby the first £250,000 of profit is taxed at 25 per cent.

For Labour, Chris Smith said they had no quarrel with the proposed rate, but ministers failed to understand that the number of people out of work had been rising inexorably over the past two years and government policies had done nothing whatever to assist.

AROUND THE LOBBY

Cyclists saved by helmets

Studies by the Transport Research Laboratory show head injuries to cyclists involved in accidents would be snarply reduced if helmets were universally

In a written reply, Kenneth Carlisle, the roads and traffic minister, said that 239 cyclists were killed and 3,939 seriously injured. Of those taken to hospital, 53 per cent had head injuries. Had helmets been worn, about 11 per cent of serious injuries would not have occurred and further 18 per cent would only have been slight.

The government will continue to encourage the wearing of helmets, but has no plans to make them

130,000 boat people settled

Almost 130,000 Vietnamese boat people have been resettled through-out the world since 1979. according to a written reply from Alastair Goodlad, a Foreign Office minister. The vast majority have gone to the United States and Canada. but more than 14,000 have come to the United Kingdom. In another reply, Mr

Goodlad said that at present there were 54,686 Vietnamese migrants in the camps in Hong Kong.

Tests fall

The number of applications for driving tests fell in 1990-1 for the third consecutive year. The total number of learners applying for tests was 151,000, 20,000 down on the previous year and 30,000 down on the year before.

Homes sold

About 51,900 council dwellings were sold last year under the right to buy legislation. Tony Baldry, an environment reply. Of these, 13,900

Job prospects

For every 100 people who join employment trainment or self-employment three months after leaving, Patrick McLoug employment under-secretary, said.

Parliament today

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HUGE financial losses suffered by Lloyd's names will lead to a flurry of sales of arts and treasures, the former chairman of the National Heritage Memorial Fund told peers yesterday.

Lord Charteris of Amisfield said: "So many people who have suffered ter-rible losses on Lloyd's are going to put their houses and works of art on the market." He called on the government to make more funds available. to prevent Britain's finest treasures being exported.

During a debate on ex-ports of works of art, peers welcomed last week's deci-sion by David Mellor, the national heritage secretary, not to list up to 3,000 "moveable" works of art to prevent them being sold abroad. There had been fears that the compilation of the list and the consequent drop in value of treasures would be preceded by a rush of exports.

Lord Charteris said that the memorial fund, which has spent £150 million on buying treasures to stay in the nation's heritage, had "kept the rumpus out of pol-itical arena", but he warned peers that it would return to the political arena if funding was not increased.

Lord Annan, the former National Gallery chairman, who introduced the debate. called on the government to use the proposed national lottery to augment the memorial fund

Viscount Astor, replying for the government, confirmed that money received from the national lottery would be additional to existing funding. He said that "extremes of fashion and fancy" of the art market had led to some inflated prices. Prudent public spending should not try to keep up

with such surges.

He said that Mr Mellor
was aware of calls for an extra £15 million for purchasing funds and would use
expertise gained from his previous posts as arts minister and Treasury chief secretary in the next public expenditure round.

Shadow cabinet sidesteps party's divisions over EC

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

THE Labour leadership yesterday survived a procedural shambles to preserve its fragile unity on the future of the European Community.

At the end of a packed meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party, MPs declined to take votes on proposals calling for a referendum on the Maastricht treaty and for the party to decide now to oppose any attempt by the government to reintroduce the treaty. Faced with a vote it could by no means have been confident of winning, the shadow cabinet was happy to withdraw its own suggestions for the way the party should

In so doing it also prevented a vote on Tony Benn's proposal for a referendum. It is unlikely that it would have been carried, but the meeting was said to have shown a surprising degree of support for the idea. The shadow cabinet will now attempt to reconcile the differing viewpoints in the party.

Senior figures believed last night that the party was inexorably moving to a position where it would change tack and vote against the Maas-tricht bill whenever the gov-discussion. Despite opposiernment decided to reintroduce it. That was the line suggested by leftwingers led by Dennis Skinner when the Commons debated the bill's second reading last month, and it now appears that the Danish referendum result is bringing the party round to

that position. The PLP was faced with Mr Benn's referendum motion, a shadow cabinet amendment delaying a final decision on the attitude to the treaty legislation return but hinting at opposition, and an amendment tabled by Peter Hain, MP for Neath, committing Labour to opposition.

It became clear that there was support both for Mr Benn's motion and Mr Hain's amendment. There was clearly a danger that supporters of both could have defeated the shadow cabinet amendment which would have been put to the vote first. David Blunkett, the local government spokesman, came to the rescue with a proposal that all the amendments should be sent back to the

Ashdown challenges Labour on Maastricht

PADDY Ashdown exploited the confusion over Maastricht within both main parties yesterday and challenged Labour to come clean on its stand on Europe (Jill Sher-

Labour's position was even more irresponsible than the Tories, the Liberal Democrat leader said. "Having supported Maastricht, they abstained on the bill. Now they threaten to vote against the treaty which they said they previously supported. And, meanwhile, the two leadership candidates are moving in opposite directions, as the

carefully stitched compromise begins to fall apart at the

John Major should show real leadership and not just shelter behind the confusion of the situation. "I am appalled by MPs who happily voted for Maastricht one week, and are now queuing up to reject it the next." British politicians should keep their nerve and support the Maastricht process. The Liberal Democrats would support the government on ratifying the bill, but would then demand a referendum, Mr Ashdown said.

discussion. Despite opposition from the referendum supporters this was agreed. Neil Kinnock appealed to

the meeting not to tie the hands of the present and future leaderships. "We must choose our time to take action and refuse to give the government an escape route," he said. Mr Kinnock said the government was facing its six-month presidency of the EC with its party in a shambles over Europe. Labour must show unity.

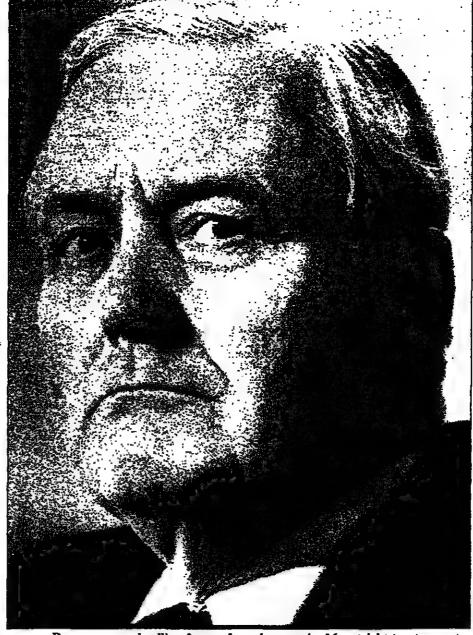
Mr Benn claimed after-

wards a substantial shift in party opinion over a referen-dum. "Most people in the country would like a referendum and most people are opposed to Maastricht. That view is obviously beginning to reflect itself in the Parliamentary Labour Party."

Gerald Kaufman, the shadow foreign secretary, made it clear there was common ground between the Hain and shadow cabinet amendments which party leaders would now explore. He said Mr Benn had been "repudiated" in his attempt to have a vote. Mr Hain also declared himself satisfied. "There was clearly not a unified position behind a referendum and not a unified position behind the shadow cabinet. The majority probably would have backed

Mr Kaufman hit back angrily at Mr Benn after the former cabinet minister claimed the shadow cabinet amendment had not been considered by the shadow cabinet but had been drafted by Mr Kaufman. The shadow foreign secretary said the shadow cabinet had given him authority to draft the amendment in consultation with the relevant members of the shadow cabinet.

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Benn: proposed calling for a referendum on the Maastricht treaty

MP tests 'open government'

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT said he wants to blow away

some of the cobwebs of secre-

cy," Mr Fisher said. "But he

has given William Walde-

grave (Chancellor of the

Duchy of Lancaster) the job of

doing it in totally the wrong

His bill has the support of a

JOHN Major's commitment to "open government" is to be tested by his reaction to a freedom of information bill introduced yesterday by the shadow arts minister, Mark Fisher.

The bill, with cross-party support, mirrors Labour's manifesto commitment to allow public access to official documents, except where national security or personal privacy are at risk, together with a requirement for companies to disclose more information in their accounts.

"The prime minister has

freedom of information. Another contentious private member's bill with a chance of becoming law is

legislation backed by the

Keep Sunday Special cam-

small group of Tory back-bench MPs as well as organisations campaigning for opening on Sundays. The bill, introduced by Ray

paign to stop supermarkets

Powell, Labour MP for Ogmore, who was third in the ballot, would allow some small shops, such as florists. corner stores and video hire shops, to open on Sundays, but not supermarkets and retail stores covering more than 1,500 square feet of floor space. The government is still agonising about reforming the discredited Sunday trading laws in the wake of widespread defiance by leading chain stores.

Bill aims to put controls on press

By Shetla Gunn, political

A GROUP of leading Labour MPs yesterday called for statutory controls on the press in the wake of media reports about the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales. At the same time Peter Bottomley, a vice-chairman of the Tory backbench media committee, cautioned against "a curtain of censorship" or the imposition of an estab-

lishment view of good taste. The Commons gave a first formal reading to the Freedom and Responsibility of the Press bill introduced by Clive Soley, Labour's housing spokesman. The bill requires news to be presented with "due accuracy and impaniality" and gives statutory force to the Press Complaints Commission.

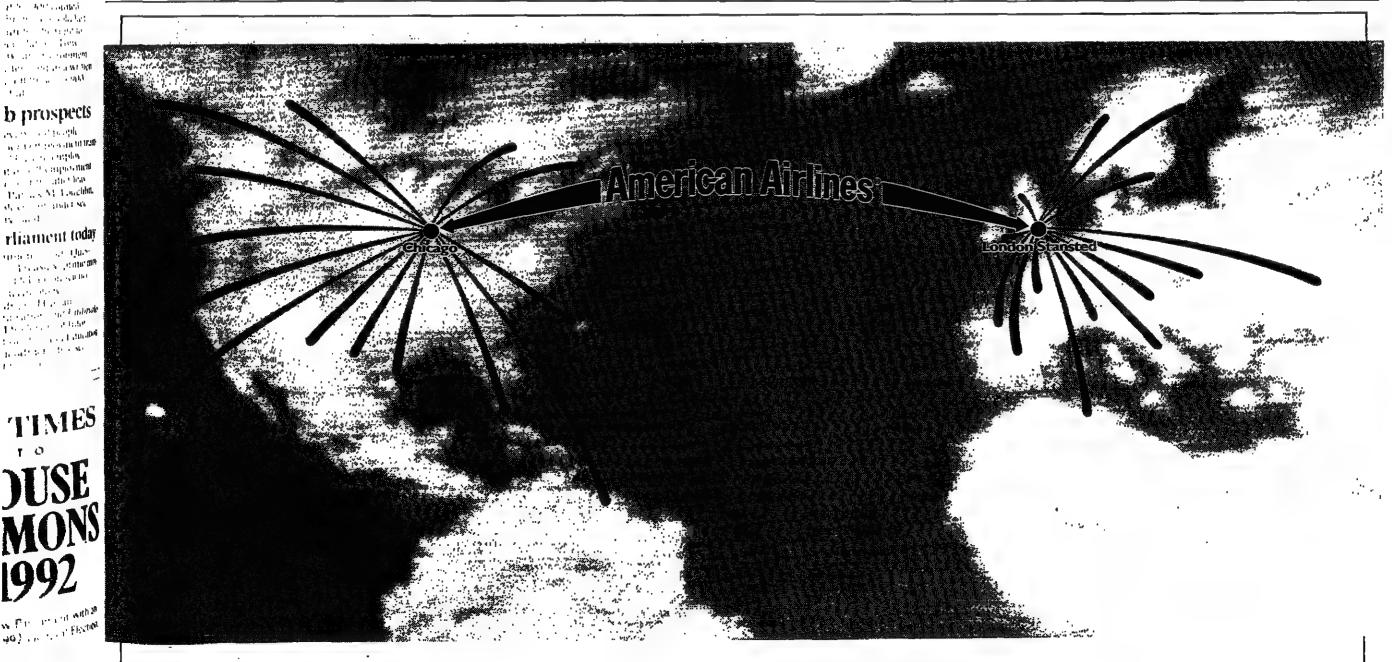
In Mr Soley's absence. Mark Fisher, Labour's arts and broadcasting spokes-man, took charge of the bill. It is sponsored by shadow ministers and MPs including Bruce Grocott, Harriet Harman, Chris Smith, Glenda Jackson and Clare Short. and the Liberal Democrat MP Charles Kennedy.

Mr Fisher said: "I do not think anyone feels that self regulation has been a great success. It has been made to look ridiculous in the past few days when the editors say they do not really mind what the Press Complaints Commission says . . . they are going to

do it anyway.
"The legislation would not have affected *The Sunday* Times serialising a book which would be in the public domain and was fairly well sourced. But some of the papers indulged in dubious tactics to keep the stories alive," Mr Fisher said.

The second reading debate has been pencilled in for Jan-

Mr Bottomley tabled two Commons motions vesterday stating that, however wrong, irritating, trivial, inconvenient or sensational the stories, the consequences of legislating to censor the press would be worse.



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Penitent Eurocrats rediscover the reality of voters' power



Dumas: hopes Danes will rejoin programme

JACQUES Delors act of contrition before the European parliament yesterday typi-fies a wider trend among the movers and shakers of the European Community. All of a sudden, commissioners, ambassadors, Eurocrats and ministers have rediscovered

common man and woman. Signs of grassroots resentment had surfaced during last year's semi-secret negotiations which led up to the Maastricht treaty, but they were brushed aside. Until the Danish vote on June 2, common wisdom held that the ratification of the Maastricht treaty would follow the wellestablished sequence of private bargaining between

Voters in the EC now have new leverage over the Community's leaders. George Brock writes from Brussels

parliaments or publics.

Now voters have new leverage. French voters were immediately granted a referendum, a huge political risk for a deeply unpopular president and government. The French foreign minister, Roland Dumas, told cabinet meeting yesterday that he hopes that Denmark will rejoin the Maastricht programme for European union, if possible before the

governments followed by rubber-stamp approval from parliaments or publics. end of the year. Addressing fellow EC finance ministers this week, Horst Köhler of Germany sold them that ordinary people simply did not understand why the EC budget needed to be so big.

Europe's postwar political class, heavily influenced by the European federalism of Christian democracy, is unpopular with disenchanted voiers. Throughout last year, staff at the EC commission worried about the opinion poll evidence which suggests

that ordinary Germans are losing interest in the EC. The soundings which governments across the Community will now have to make will shape the federalist response to the trauma of the Danish

M Delors began trying to fashion a reshaped federalist agenda in his speech vesterday. His signals are significant for the 12 EC leaders need to appoint the president of the next, two-year EC commission when they meet in Lisbon in a fortnight's time. In theory, any state can blackball a candidate.

In practice. M Delors is the only candidate and all certain of reappoint-

which want to brush the Danish vote aside and press on towards even doser integration have the backing to do so? Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, evidently thinks they do: he is hoping to frighten his querulous backbenchers into line by painting a picture of Britain again threatened by impoverishing and lonely isolation outside a more rightly knit EC of pro-federal states.

This threat will never entirely disappear but would be singularly hard to bring about Many French and German officials who enjoy their two governments' inti-macy would prefer that Brit-

ain was not trying to turn the EC's leading partnership into a trio. They hear, in John Major's promise to be at the heart of Europe, a threat. People who think like this would be more comfortable in a smaller, cosier Community. But shrinking the EC would reverse a 30-year trend towards opening Europe to new candidates. Weak economies such as Porrugal and Greece would have to be dropped along with the querulous Danes. The door

eastern Europe's face. Taking Denmark out of the plans for a single European currency would slow down monetary union: along

would have to be shut in

with France and Luxem-bourg, Denmark is one of a handful of states which currently qualify for the final stage of EMU.

Taking foreign policy deci-sions within a smaller circle will not automatically make them easier. France will still be suspicious that Germany is trying to create a zone of influence in eastern Europe. Cutting other unfederalis countries out will not make much difference. The most likely outcome of the present mess is a deal which recognises more clearly and effectively than the present treaty that the EC system remains on national governments.

Beleaguered **Delors offers** curbs on EC bureaucracy

FROM TOM WALKER IN STRASBOURG

JACQUES Delors, president of the European Commission, promised the European parliament in Strasbourg yesterday to end "incomprehensible" rule-making by Brussels and to create an EC bureaucratic machine "closer to the people". But there were clear signs that his federalist fervour remains undimmed.

M Delors hinted that some form of declaration on where the European Commission's remit ends and a member state's begins is necessary to pull the Community clear of the Danish quagmire. Yesterday, he was in a sombre and reflective mood. But behind

'Yes' expected

An opinion poll in yester-day's Irish Times showed 47 per cent of voters in favour of the Maastricht treaty (com-pared with 57 per cent a month ago), 23 per cent against (11 per cent) and 30 per cent undecided (32 per cent). The poli indicates next week's referendum is likely to be carried by about 2-1.

the apologetic rhetoric, M Delors' federal aims could still be clearly discerned.

He spoke of enlarging the Community and of building up the "social dimension" of the Commission's powers. In an earlier address to the parplans to expand the EC budget by 30 per cent. "Only together can we leave to future generations a Europe that can stand on its own feet and be prosperous and faithful to its ideals of liberty and solidarity," he said.

But before this grandstand finish, M Delors humbly said that the Commission "fully respected" the Danish no vote, aithough he seemed ready to clutch at straws. "A recent poll suggesting 80 per cent of Danes still wanted to stay in the EC at least gives us grounds for hope." he said.

The referendum, he added, had taught the Commission that it must be clearer about its aims. "The issue of nat-

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cleared up," he said.

M Delors said that in future there should be a "determined application of the principle of subsidiarity. whereby laws that are best made at national and local level remain well out of the reach of Brussels. While not saying anything about a dec-laration to be added to the Maastricht treaty that could provide the basis of a second Danish referendum later in the year, M Delors listed areas that should remain the competence of member states: internal security policy: justice; planning; educa-tion; culture; health "and its ethical problems".

The last category throws a lifeline to the Irish, who are desperately seeking a way clear of their abortion mud dle. A no vote in the Irish referendum on June 18 would kili off Maastricht and M Delors is anxious to allow the Irish Republic flexibility on abortion. But the same clause could also land the Commission in difficulties with Britain, which could argue that it legitimises the government's opt-out from

the social charter.

M Delors said that the
Commission would have to lose its image as a haven for meddling bureaucrats. "We should not ensure our employment by creating laws just for the pleasure of creatlaws." he said, adding that the end of the 1993 single market legislative programme would lead to a slow-

ing of edicts from Brussels. The speech offered few clues as to how exactly the Commission, parliament and council of ministers can make EC rule-making more intelligible, but it helped to defuse a sense of crisis in Strasbourg. Sir Leon Brittan, the ECs competition commissioner, said he felt that some form of declaration on subsidiarity would be the best way towards solving the problem of the Danish vote.

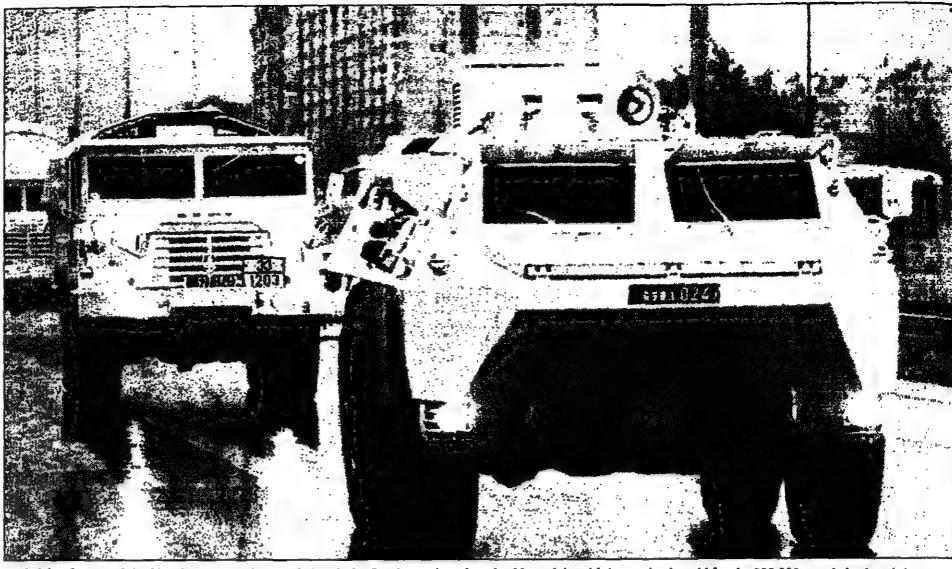
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Treaty splits right

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON

DIVISIONS within the tion over the Maastricht trea ty referendum are so deep and bitter that the right's chance of winning the general election next spring could well be affected.

Skilfully outflanked in the European debate by President Mitterrand's strategy of divide and rule, the alliance of the Gaullist RPR party and the centrist UDF group is coming apart at the seams as prominent figures on the right exchange veiled threats and insults.

The sight of Valery Giscard d'Estaing, the UDF leader. urging ratification of the Maastricht agreement on a platform alongside Elisabeth Guigou, the Socialist government's minister for European affairs, has enraged the Gaullist leadership. "Everyone will suffer because of this," said an aide to Jacques Chirac, the RPR leader, muttering about a plot to deceive the country's voters.

With three months or more to go before the French people are asked to decide about the Maastricht treaty, the skirmishing seems certain to become more destructive, dashing hopes that the right might enter the election be-hind a single candidate.

Brussels: On subjects as varied as Mauritian fish paste and Maltese electric motors, the European Commission's fraud policemen are fighting a losing battle against a new class of criminal born and raised by the Community's horribly intri-cate financial system: the Euro-embezzler (George Brock writes).

The Commission's annual fraud report shows that the Community spends about £50 million a year to uncover cheating valued at about £100 million, but experts agree that those figures reveal no more than a fraction of the problem. Estimates of the proportion of the EC's annual budget of £44 billion that leaks into unauthorised hands vary between 5 and 10 per cent. Yesterday's report paints a picture of a small group of harassed Eurocrats struggling against a monstrously complicated system, unhelpful national governments and nimble crooks.

Yeltsin seeks to placate military over reforms

TWO days before his first anniversary as Russian presi-dent and a week before his first formal summit meeting in Washington, Boris Yeltsin moved yesterday to calm fears that he was losing his political authority.

In a speech to the Russian high command in Moscow and a series of media interviews, he stood by Yegor Gaidar, the architect of his economic reforms, and insisted that, although the situa-tion was "not easy", there was no question of the min of Russia or the Commonwealth of Independent States.

in ail his statements, Mr Yeltsin showed calculated evenhandedness, balancing assurances about his government's commitment to reform against assurances to the top brass and other state employees that their interests, and those of Russia, would not be neglected.

For the benefit of Western creditors and his domestic reform lobby, Mr Yeltsin ex-pressed public support for his reform team and insisted that rapid reform had to continue. He left his military audience with the message that "there is no alternative to Gaidar's team" and, in a Russian television interview, rejected speculation that Mr Gaidar would resign after the Wash-

In an attempt to allay concern about new appointments to the government from the so-called "industrial lobby".

The Russian leader has moved to reassert his authority, writes mary Dejevsky

from Moscow

Mr Yeltsin said: "All new appointees spoke out in support of reform ... they promised that they would in no event permit any split in Gaidar's government team." He insisted, too, that he would retain the post of head of government, saying he would leave it only when he was convinced that "the Gaidar team can function as it should, as a monolith".

He announced an 80 per cent pay increase for all servicemen, with large, additional, differential payments for officers according to rank. He also undertook that the troop withdrawals from eastern Europe and the Baltic would not be allowed to turn into anything like a rout.

Giving at least the appearance of toughness towards Washington, Mr Yeltsin accused the United States of trying to obtain a uniilateral advantage in arms control. Noting that the Russian foreign minister and James Baker, the Secretary of State, had failed to reach agreement on fresh cuts in strategic nuclear weapons, Mr Yeltsin said that Washington wanted a total cut in ground-based strategic missiles with multiple warheads, while offering comparatively fewer cuts in sea-based missiles in return. "This would be to our disadvantage." he said.

Mr Yeltsin also announced the appointment of a Russian chief of the general staff and three new deputy defence ministers — all of them military men. The appointments represent a defeat for liberal sections of opinion which had argued for a predominantly civilian defence ministry. The chief of staff is Colonel-General Viktor Dubynin, former commander of Soviet troops

In what may be interpreted as a small olive branch to the Baltic states, Mr Yeltsin described disagreements about the timing of troop withdrawals as "mostly a technical problem" and said Russia was open to participation in joint housing programmes to speed the withdrawal if the Baltic states contributed.

In all his pronouncements yesterday, Mr Yeltsin praised the progress in reform made so far, but emphasised the difficulties he had encountered in trying to reform Russia. In a sweeping de-nunciation of the whole Soviet period, he said that in 70 years "the entire market infrastructure, which had once been well developed, was eliminated and even erased from the memory of several

UN relief convoy brings hope to besieged Sarajevo

FROM DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

ed by an armed personnel carrier reached Saraievo last night in the first stage of the UN operation to try to reopen the airport, which has been under Serbian siege for more than eight weeks.

Heavy fighting was reported during the day between Serb and Bosnian forces near the airport, which the UN wants to open for relief supplies to the 300,000 desperare people trapped in the city.

There was shelling in Saraevo throughout the day as Bosnian territorial defence forces tried to dislodge Serbs from a strategic hilltop.

Food is running out in Saraievo, and water has to be boiled, but supplies of cooking gas are also low. "Sarajevo no longer exists. The only thing that exists now is hatred and death," a radio journalist said.

Pressure on Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian president. intensified as 12 deputies in the ruling Socialist party threatened to split away and form their own social democratic party. But, despite growing pressure from the opposition, intellectuals and trade unions, there was no sign of any concessions from the government. In-

FORTY-ONE lorries escon- counter-attacked on television, accusing his critics of betraying Serbia.

Sanctions, however, are be ginning to bite. After the petrol coupons, food, too, is about to be rationed despite the fact that only a week ago Mr Milosevic was assuring the nation that trade embargoes would have little effect. If sanctions continue the Serbs face a prospect of a winter in unheated homes.

The future of the publication of daily newspapers has also come into doubt as newsprint from the only supplier is now running out. Printing of currency is also threatened. A small firm in Slovenia has hitherto supplied the national bank with this paper, but because of an international trade embargo, it has ceased to do so. Most of this money has been printed to finance the war in Croatia and Bosnia, stoking up inflation which now runs at 100% a month.

The opposition, having been weak and disunited for months, has now closed ranks. It has agreed on a provisional government which would secure an orderly transition and prepare for elections and a referendum on the monarchy.

Call to arms, page

Jewish enterprise invests in Odessa revival

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here probably are people who visit Odessa just to see the London Hotel: its green marble walls, Corinthian columns, stained-glass windows and parquet floors are a study in 19th-century romance.
To complete the picture,

Greek shipbrokers and superior Western tourists, history books in hand, lurk amid the huge potted plants and along the endless, wind-ing chandelier-lit corridors. It would be wonderful to report that the relatively wellmaintained condition of this 150-year-old seafront inn was merely one indication of some broader revival in the fortunes of a cosmopolitan port that is finally free to

shake off the dreary heritage of Soviet rule. Wonderful, but dishonest. For the fact is that the heavy hand of com-munism left its imprint on this happy-go-lucky place, and its renaissance will be hard-fought.

Odessa ought to be different from every other former Soviet city: built by French and Italian architects, open to foreign influence through its maritime trading links, and heir to a glorious tradition of Jewish culture and wit. But Soviet rule had a way of making everywhere exactly the same. As in almost every other region of Moscow's former empire. Odessa's old



economy of factories and power stations is dying while political squabbles are paralysing the new economy of joint ventures and renovation projects. Industrial output is down by a quarter on

last year's dismal figure. No less than in Moscow, the various tiers of govern-

ment — republic. regional, municipal and district — are locked in battle. Odessa's rising star is Eduard Gurovitz, of whom an associate says: "He could not possibly have entered local politics until quite recently for three reasons: he

has never belonged to the Communist party machine, he is a successful private businessman, and he is Jewish." Although the Jewish community, which account-ed for half Odessa's population before the war, has dwindled through emigration to about 80,000 in a city of 1.2 million, it is, for now. anyway. enjoying un-

precedented freedom. Mr Gurovitz. district

council chairman in Odessa's historic centre, has built He has hired some of the best lawyers, accountants and even psychologists in town. Yet his plans to renovate, with American help. a magnificent arcade off Deribas. Odessa's main thoroughfare, was overruled at regional level.

As economic discontent deepens, local politics may degenerate into a threeway struggie between Mr Gurovitz Ukrainian nationalists and Russian nationalists-cum-communists. with the last-named group. at

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Bending over backwards: cadets of the Philippines armed forces' academy rehearsing a parade routine in Manila yesterday for tomorrow's independence day celebrations

Thai king appoints former premier

BY NEIL KELLY IN BANGKOK AND DAVID WATTS IN LONDON

KING Bhumibol of Thailand last night appointed Anand Panyarachun, who was prime minister until March, to lead the government again. His choice will be much favoured by democracy activists.

Describing himself as a temporary prime minister, Mr Anand said he would dissolve parliament within a few months, hoping that new elections would produce a government truly representative of the people. Meanwhile he would appoint only neutral non-political people to his

The resurrection of Mr Anand's political persona appeared to be a direct response to the middle class and commercial sectors of the country who played a central role in the anti-government protests. and who have been suffering badly since the massacre of demonstrators last month. The collapsing economy has also had a dire effect on the financial holdings of the royal house, which owns virtually half the land in Bangkok as well as large interests in one of the country's largest banks and in Siam Cement, one of its biggest enterprises.

Mr Anand's appointment, however, ran counter to the wishes of the military and, only minutes before the announcement, food was being laid out for a party in celebra-tion of the naming of an air officer to the post. Somboon Rahong, who is closely linked to the disgraced military prime minister, Suchinda Kraprayoon, had earlier told reporters that he had been named prime minister in a call from the royal palace.

The king's intervention appeared to hold the line against the military, but in an ominous development a senior army officer announced the revival of the Red Gaurs, a right-wing vigilante group known for lynching university students during the unrest of the 1970s. Wearing reflective sunglasses and satin-finish jackets with slogans such as The Righteous Ones" and "Terminate wrongdoers",

Peasants rail at Peking 'betrayal'

Mining in Shendong province has filled Peking's coffers while local people are left in poverty, Catherine Sampson writes

IN A shabby county guest house in the Yimeng mountains, one of the poorest regions of China, officials responsible for the fight against poverty gorge themselves at a banquet. The meal is in honour of a visiting foreign journalist who has been asked to eat in a separate room, apparently so as not to witness the opulence of their feast.

The poverty of the people of these mountains, in Shandong province, has become a scandal. In contrast to the special economic zones showered with investment by Peking during the 12 years of Deng Xiaoping's reforms, the mountains have come to represent the centre's neglect of poverty-stricken areas.

The people see their abandonment as a painful betray-



People's Liberation Army during the anti-Japanese war in the 1930s and during the civil war against the Nation-

alists in the 1940s. The Yimeng mountains should not be poor at all. Shandong province is a treasure house of natural resources. Within the mountains. Linyi prefecture boasts the country's second biggest diamond reserves, as well as gold, silver and other resources. None of these benefits Linyi in any way. Proceeds from anything mined

in Linyi fills Peking coffers. The anger of those who feel betrayed by Peking has found its way into official publications which give long, emotional accounts of the people's sacrifices. One describes the disappointment of old women who had nursed wounded soldiers when none of them returned to visit. Another describes how veterans who helped the army to victory are frequently denied the 20-yuan (about £2) subsidies to which they are entitled every month.

There have been improvements in living standards. Pingyi, the county town of Linyi prefecture, boasts not only a metalled road but also a video rental stall, a faint echo of the good life enjoyed in the prosperous south. But thousands of peasants still live in poverty, officially defined as an annual per capita income of 300 yuan and an annual per capital consump-tion of 440lb of rice.

According to Zhang Xindian, the deputy director of Pingyi county's anti-poverty office, the number of povertystricken villages has decreased from 420 in 1984 to 39 now. "Only one village returned to poverty after the floods last year," he added. Some 29 Western non-gov-

ernmental aid agencies have projects in the Yimeng mounains. In the past three years, a German aid project has donated 200 million yuan for food in Pingyi county alone. That sum dwarfs Peking's total relief funds of 112 million yuan given to the whole of the Yimene mountain dis-

trict from 1949 to 1986 Shundiancun is Linyi prefecture's model village. "It used to be very poor, but now it reflects the years of reform and opening, and now it is not poor and not rich," said Han Shouju, the deputy director of the area's foreign affairs office. Foreign journalists who ask to see rural poverty see Shundiancun. Only aid workers are allowed to see the real poverty.



members of the Red Gaurs

held a press conference in

The decision to appoint Mr Anand underlines the magni-

tude of the problems which

have been paralysing Thai-land as a result of the army's

brutal repression of anti-gov-

ernment demonstrations last

month, in which hundreds

are believed to have died.

Because he is so widely ac-

cepted, the appointment of

Mr Anand, educated at Dul-

wich College and Cambridge,

brings at least temporary re-

lief to the political pressure

cooker that the Thai capital

has been for the past two

Though Mr Anand is once

again an appointed prime minister, earlier in the day

parliament approved consti-

national changes which stipu-

late that the office must be

held by an elected MP, fur-

ther reducing the influence of

the military on politics. Mr

Anand has never run for par-

liament but his position as

prime minister will remain

legal until the amended con-

stitution is formally gazetted.

How the military will re-

spond to his appointment re-

nains unclear but the

popular feeling against them is strong: a BBC seminar was

told yesterday that in one

Bangkok residential complex

residents have signed a peti-

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The king's move would

appear to go a long way to

restoring the image of a mon-arch who had suffered badly

for his failure to act quickly

after the massacre and for his

even-handed, conciliatory ap-

proach to General Suchinda

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Mr Anand's caretaker gov-

ernment, which held office

for 13 months after the mili-

tary coup last year, was one of

the most popular and effective in Thai history. He

liberalised economic and fis-

cal policies to an unprece-

dented degree and raised

government efficiency. He

also made a beginning in

curbing corruption within the government and civil service.

He was appointed to office by

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ing his tenure frequently an-

gered them by his resistance

to their demands.

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Bangkok yesterday.

Moi: visit has added to de Klerk's standing

Moi ends 21-year **Pretoria** boycott

FROM MICHAEL HAMUYN INJOHANNESBURG

THE first African head of state to visit South Africa for 21 years, President Moi of Kenya, left Cape Town for the Rio summit yesterday having dropped in on President de Klerk on his way. The visit marked another advance for South Africa's diplomatic

Mr de Klerk is keen to maximise international support and his campaign has two distinct, though related, aims: to gain foreign investment and to increase international pressure on the African National Congress to encourage it to water down its constitutional demands. When he returned from his

eight-day trip to Russia and the Far East on Monday, he made a point of saying that the threatened mass action by the ANC and its allies would damage the prospect of future investment here.

While President Moi was in Cape Town, Denis Norman, the transport minister of neighbouring Zimbabwe, was in Pretoria to sign an agreement on drought relief north of the Limpopo. It is the first accord signed between the two countries since Zimbabwe's independence, but President Mugabe of Zimbabwe, who is on a visit to Cuba, said: "It doesn't mean that President de Klerk can visit Zimbabwe, nor does it mean that President Mugabe will go to South Africa." All the same, it is further recognition of the diplomatic effects of South Africa's economic

Thousands of Lebanese flee in invasion scare

From Ali Jaber in Beirut

ISRAELI mock air raids, flares and constant bombardment kept the residents of south Lebanon huddled in underground shelters all night and all day yesterday and caused thousands to flee the region fearing that the Israelis might invade. Fears of an invasion were

fuelled by a warning received by Palestinian guerrillas in south Lebanon refugee camps of an imminent Israeli incursion towards the port city of Sidon, 22 miles south of Beirut. The warning was sent by the Palestine Liberation Organisation headquarters in Tunis to its cadres in Lebanon. It ordered full mobilisation in the camps and claimed that the aim of the invasion would be to crush the remaining power of the PLO and the fundamentalist fighters loyal to Iran.

Lebanese security officials reported that Israeli helicopter gunships opened fire on a group of guernilias trying to inflitrate Israel's security zone in south Lebanon soon after dawn yesterday. The guerrillas ambushed a joint patrol of Israeli soldiers and militiamen of Israel's client militia, the South Lebanon Army, near Nabatiyeh, 29 miles south of Beirut.

A battle involving rocketpropelled grenades and machineguns started. wounding two of the guerril-las and five South Lebanon Army members. A statement by the Palestinian group, the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, headed by Nayel Hawatmeh, claimed responsibility for the attack but said none of its fighters was hurt.

At midday yesterday, another guerrilla group, this time belonging to the Islamic Resistance Movement, attacked a joint Israeli and South Lebanon Army position 36 miles southeast of Beirut. The police said that six South Lebanon Army militiamen were wounded and an armoured personnel carrier was destroyed.

After the attack, Israeli gunners pounded the villages of Jarjou, Jebaa, Ain Bouswar and Mlikh with heavy artillery fire, causing casualties and damage. The villages in the area are strongholds of the Muslim fundamentalist group, Hezbollah.

Nicosia: The Iranians hanged four men yesterday

accused of involvement in economic riots that swept the eastern city of Mashhad two weeks ago and said other "loafers and vultures would be plucked out like weeds" and discarded (Michael Theodoulou writes).

An unspecified number of others would be jailed or flogged, Tehran radio said. Western diplomats said 300 people had been arrested in Mashhad, but the Iraq-based opposition Mujahidin Khalq claimed that 3,000 of its sympathisers had been rounded up there. The Iranian authorities

had promised harsh and swift justice by the no-jury Islamic courts as a deterrent in the wake of the worst riots in a decade. They broke out on May 30 when shanty town residents beat up government workers who tried to destroy their shacks. The troubles were discussed with unprecedented openness in the Iranian media, where some commentators blamed the country's increasing economic But the Iranian authorities

have been at pains to divert blame from economic problems they are trying in vain to reverse, pointing an accusing finger instead at Mujahidin rebels and agents provocateurs, some of whom, according to diplomats in Tehran, were involved.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei Iran's spiritual leader, said that the riots were an enemy effort to undermine the Isresult of economic complaints as some "erroneous analyses" in the media had claimed.

He added that he was sorry that the innocent people of Mashhad had been blamed for the troubles and vowed merciless punishment for what he described as a "a group of ruffians and bullies. a small minority, society's loafers and vultures". He added: "The law enforcement machinery should pull them out and throw them away."

US candidates rush for chat-show chairs

FROM JAMIE DETTMER IN WASHINGTON

MORE than a decade ago, Theodore White, the respected chronicler of presidential campaigns, wrote: "Ameri-can politics and television are now so completely locked together that it is impossible to tell the story of one without the other." Now American politicians have discovered the joys of campaigning by chat show and are planning

to exploit it to the full. All three presidential candidates are planning a summer of talk shows and latenight television interviews. The season has aiready begun. On Tuesday, Bill Clinton, the Democratic contender, fielded questions on an hour-long breakfast talk show and last week he played the saxophone on a late-night programme while the host cracked jokes about President

Bush. The trend of talk-show politics, or "interactive politics", as the campaign managers call it, received its biggest boost from Ross Perot. The Texan billionaire began his campaign with an appearance last March on Larry King Live, the CNN call-in show, where he announced he would stand if the American people wanted him to.

Appearing on chat shows is not a new tactic for presidential candidates. What is new this year is the urgency candidates feel about getting on these shows and the number they hope to appear on. Mr Bush's campaign man-

agers are concerned that he is losing out in the television game and are considering invitations from at least two shows. And Mr Clinton said recently: "If it were up to me, I'd do one a week from now till election day."

The shows allow candidates to escape from political journalists' awkward questions. On NBC's Today programme, Mr Clinton had an easy ride. The questions viewers phoned in were broad. such as whether he had considered a woman for the vicepresidential nomination. As with most of these shows, the viewers were not allowed to ask supplementary questions. Ukraine pit blast kills 46 miners

Moscow: At least 46 miners were killed after an explosion in a mine in southeastern Ukraine and seven were still missing yesterday. Tass

The news agency said that three miners died in hospital yesterday of their injuries and a total of 43 bodies had been brought to the surface by rescue workers. The accident took place on Tuesday in the Sukhodolskaya-Vostochnaya coal mine near the city of Krasnodon as mineworkers were carrying out blasting operations.

Methane exploded in the mine, immediately killing eight workers and triggering a release of carbon monoxide into the mine's ventilation system, apparently suffocuting the other workers.

A governmental commission was investigating the cause of the accident, the latest in a series of mine mishaps in Ukraine in the past year that has cost at least 34 lives and has been officially blamed on "habitual negligence". (AFP)

Italian talks in deadlock

Milan: President Scalfam's first round of consultations in search of a prime minister-designate to form a new Italian government ended in deadlock after five days of negotiations. The main opposition parties argued that a corruption scandal involving the Socialists in Milan made the candidature of Bettino Craxi unacceptable.

Havel to stand Prague: President Havel of

Czechoslovakia announced he would seek a third man-date, as Vladimir Meciar, the Slovak nationalist leader, turned down his invitation for talks on the country's future. A three-fifths majority of parliament is needed for victory in the first round of the July presidential election. (AFP)

Poll date set

Bucharest: Romania's political leaders agreed to hold a general election on September 27, ending months of bickering over the polling date. But they failed after three hours of talks to agree whether presidential polls should be held at the same time as the parliamentary elections. (Reuter)

Cairo arrests Cairo: Security forces ar-

rested about 200 people and on Monday c: Farag Foda. the secularist writer known for criticising Muslimfundamentalism. (Reuter)

UN defied

Phnom Penh: The Khmer Rouge told the United Nations it will not put its guerrillas under UN peacekeepers' supervision in readiness for supervision in readiness for disarmament, Yasushi Akashi, head of the UN mission in Cambodia, said. (Reuter)

Suharto wins

Jakarta: Indonesians gave an overwhelming mandate to President Suharto's Golkar party in the general election, with more than two-thirds of the vote, although there were copposition charges of vote rigging. (Reuter)

Fatal party

Kabul: Four people were killed and 82 injured when Afghan guerrillas fired into the air and set off explosions to celebrate the Muslim festival of Corban. Many of the injuries were caused by failing bullets. (Reuter)

NEW YORK NOTEBOOK by Ben Macintyre

American anti-arms lobby has squirt guns in its sights

The American anti-firesights on a new target: this time it is not handguns or assault rifles that are under fire, but water guns.

A growing craze for highpowered squirt guns in the inner cities is being held responsible for a recent outbreak of killings and bloodshed. In the volatile culture of urban America, what begins as a harmless water fight often ends in real gunfire.

The brightly coloured water guns, which are known as 'Super Soakers", range from the standard pump-action version, which holds about two litres of water and has a range of up to 50ft, to a mighty two-gallon water bazooka, which comes complete with backpack.

The list of violent incidents blamed on water fights grows daily. In Har-lem on Monday, two young men were wounded when a man who was inadvertently squirted with water at a street corner returned fire before fleeing. In Boston last month, a 15-year-old boy was shot dead after a water fight escalated into violence. There have been reports of people adding bleach to the water in the guns and spray-

ing passers-by and cars. This week Raymond L. Flynn, the mayor of Boston. urged shopkeepers in the city to remove the toy weapons from their shelves. A few complied, but most did not since the guns are selling at a remarkable, and lucrative rate. The manufacturers of the toys point out that it is much to comprehend that not the spread of squirt guns that leads to bloodshed, but the prevalence of firearms. president of the Larami Cor-

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tion, a leading manufacturer of the toy guns, said earlier this week: "It's just too die at something aproching

anyone would think the toy did the damage. Has anyone found the name of the [real] gun that killed that [Boston] boy and contacted the manufacturer?"

Gunfire is now the second most common cause of death, after traffic accidents. for Americans between the ages of 15 and 19, according to a survey released on Tuesday by the American National Centre for Health Statistics. For blacks in the same age range, gunfire is the single most frequent cause of death, and the number of young black males being killed by gunfire is increasing rapidly in metropolitan areas. In American cities, black teenage males

seven times the rate of their white contemporaries.

The study, according to Dr

George Lundberg, editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association, paints "a grotesque picture of a so-ciety steeped in violence". and has led to calls for more restriction and monitoring of firearms. In Washington DC, which still has the highest rate of gun-related killings in the country, restrictive legislation on guns, including a waiting period for handgun purchase, has failed to pass Congress.

Supporters of gun reform believe that the pro-gun lobby is so entrenched and powerful and violence so central to American urban life, that change can only be piecemeal, and from the bottom up: starting with water guns whichhave so far done any thing but cool down the start of a long, hot summer.

Californian couple has A brought out a video aimed at the homeless and hungry called The Fine Art of Dumpster Dining, a guide to scavenging healthily in Am-erica's rubbish skips. Following the format of a talk to sort out edible discarded food from refuse that is contaminated by chemicals. 10dents or germs.

It includes a scene in which the master of ceremonies explains to two homeless men how to pick out fruit and vegetables with unbroken skins. More than 30 of the videos have been distributed to homeless shelters accross the country.

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Major flies into storm over the environment

FROM MICHAEL MCCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT, IN RIO DE JANEIRO AND MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

JOHN Major was flying into Rio de Janeiro for the Earth summit early today to find negotiations in trouble. Britain's environmental reputation under attack, and a city under temporary siege.

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The prime minister, who senior British sources indicated was bringing a promise of foreign aid for the environ-ment was joining at least 115 other heads of state and government who tomorrow and on Saturday will sanction agenda 21, the summit's ambitious plan to put the world economy on a new environmental path - if it can be

Early this morning officials from 178 countries were still locked in negotiations over the plan's most difficult aspect, its financing, and diplomats said it was possible that no agreement would be reached on how much new aid should be offered to the developing countries to help

them carry it out. Talks on another central objective a world statement of principles on forest management, have also run into difficulties, from the Malaysians in particular.

However, when Mr Major wakes this morning he may well be just as concerned at a highly public snub to Brit-ain's environmental reputation delivered yesterday by representatives of more than 100 green pressure groups attending the conference as

Led by Friends of the Earth and Greenpeace, they included Britain in their list of the conference's three worst performers, behind the United States and Saudi Arabia, citing Britain's initial delay in signing the biodiversity conTHIS FRAGILE

vention, the summit's wildlife treaty. Britain's alleged reluctance to promote a strong new United Nations body for the conference's follow-up, and its refusal to meet the United States aid target of 0.7 per cent of gross national product by a specific date.

British sources indicated yesterday that an aid announcement may figure in Mr Major's speech tomor-row. A senior official said: "I think you will find that the prime minister will address what the UK is going to do about backing Agenda 21, and the GEF." The latter is the Global Environmental Facility of the World Bank, the mechanism through which aid under the summit's two treaties, on wildlife and dimate change, will be dispersed. Yesterday the European Community member states issued statements of support for both treaties.

Mr Major's commitment if made, is likely to be one of a number from other leaders of the industrialised world, but these may not be enough to save the summit from col-

hapse over the question of money. The developing countries, the Group of 77, are seeking a much broader commitment from the donor nations if they are to pursue economic growth in environmentally friendly ways, and in particular want them to meet the United Nation's 0.7 per cent aid target by a specif-

This has led to disagreements not only between the rich and poor countries but between the rich nations themselves, especially in the EC. where yesterday Denmark and the Netherlands pushed hard for the target and timetable to be accepted. and were rebuffed by Britain and Germany.

Failure over finance is likely to ensure failure over forests, as other Third World countries may join Malaysia and India in their hostility to the proposed set of forestry management principles that they see as a threat to their sovereign right to use their natural resources as they choose.

Late last night it was thought likely that the two

issues would not be resolved and would have to be taken to ministers in meetings today. although it was thought unlikely the heads of government would get involved.

Agreement is possible, but it is not certain," said a source. In off-the-record briefings organised by the White House top officials attacked America's "holier-than-thou" allies for paying lip service to environmentalism, signing treaties they had no intention of complying with and making America the world's scapegoat when it had "the most advanced environmental record in the world".

The administration accused Germany and Japan in particular of capitulation to political correctness" and the "guilty developed-world" argument that wealthy nations somehow "owe the rest of the world". Given US opposition to two of the summit's central treaties, the administration is resigned to what one official called a "circus of Bush-bashing"



Star defence: Cheyenne Brando, the daughter of Marlon Brando, denying in a Tahiti court she had implicated her father in her lover's murder

PEOPLE

Marion Barry seeks return to politics

Marion Barry, the former mayor of Washington who served a six-month sentence for cocaine posession, wants to run for a council seat in the city's poorest district, The Washington Post said

In a letter to about 8.500 Ward 8 voters, Mr Barry, 56, promises to make his campaign "a visionary, high-en-ergy, solution-oriented, spiritual crusade". Mr Barry, who was arrested in January 1990 after he was videotaped smoking crack in a hotel and released last month from jail, needs the signatures of 212 voters by July 8 if he wants to be on the November ballot.

A plane taking the Turkish prime minister, Sulcyman Demirel, to the Earth summit in Rio de Janeiro made a forced landing at Istanbul airport because of a fault in the landing gear. He contin-ued on a military aircraft, sources said.

"Captain Bill" Pinkney, 56, sailed his 47ft cutter into Bosion, making history as the first black American to sail around the world alone. He had set off from Boston on

journey was to inspire young people into believing that dreams could come true.

The Somali prime minister, Omar Arteli Ghaleb, is soon to return to his north Somali birthplace, Hargeisa, after several months of self-imposed exile, a newspaper in the United Arab Emirates

The jailed Australian businessman, Alan Bond, was in a comfortable and stable condition after being taken to hospital in Perth with chest pains, a spokesman for the Corrective Services Department said. He added that Bond's admission was not considered an emergency.

Heimot Kohl, the German chancellor, and President Aylwin of Chile will discuss the plight of the former East German communist leader, Erich Honecker, holed up in Chile's embassy in Moscow since December, at the Earth summit in Brazil, according

UK scorned as summit ostrich

Rio de Janeiro: Britain was nominated yesterday as the third worst country at the Earth summit in Rio, behind America and Saudi Arabia. by environment groups at the conference [Michael McCar-

thy writes).

A coalition of more than 100 pressure groups, led by Friends of the Earth International and Greenpeace International, put Britain in their 'hit parade" of the summit's worst performers, entitled the Ostrich Reward.

Treaty backed

Nicosia: Council of Europe justice ministers meeting in Cyprus backed a draft treaty on civil liability for damage to the environment. The text will be presented to the committee of ministers in October for approval. (Reuter)

Brazil attacked

Geneva: The United Nations International Labour Organisation said working conditions in many parts of Brazil were appalling and called on the Brazilian government to enforce its own labour laws. (Reuter)

Reactor fear

Rio de Janeiro: Jacques Attali, president of Eastern Europe's development bank has warned that 60 Sovietbuilt nuclear reactors in the region were time-bombs that explode at any moment, (Reuter)

Clwyd says cash must be offered

BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY JOHN Major must commit Britain at the Earth summit

to meeting the UN aid target of 0.7 per cent of gross national product by the year 2000 "as a minimum". Ann Clwyd, shadow overseas development minister, said in Rio de Janeiro yesterday.

"Mr Major must put cash on the table at this conference," Mrs Clwyd said. Without such a commitment, developing countries would not agree to turn their economic growth down environ-mentally friendly paths. She criticised the government's record on overseas aid, accusing it of halving the aid budget since 1979.

"Cash on the table is the only way to secure the developing countries' co-operapresent rate of increase, it will take the government 95 years to reach the UN target figure.

"The government has been pivotal in blocking progress to the 0.7 per cent target within the European Community. Mr Major must change his mind or he will contribute to the failure of this vital meeting.

Mrs Clwyd also criticised the one-party composition of the British delegation, saying that all-party delegations were the norm with all other EC member states. She has been given government ac-creditation as an adviser, which enables her to enter the conference centre.

BOGOTÁ NOTEBOOK by Robin Oakley

Britain pushes ahead in despot-free zone

John Major got on well enough with President Gaviria, his host in Colombia yesterday, to invite him to pay an official visit to London early next year. The British contingent was very Impressed with the energy and directness of the Colombian ministerial team and their eagerness to get

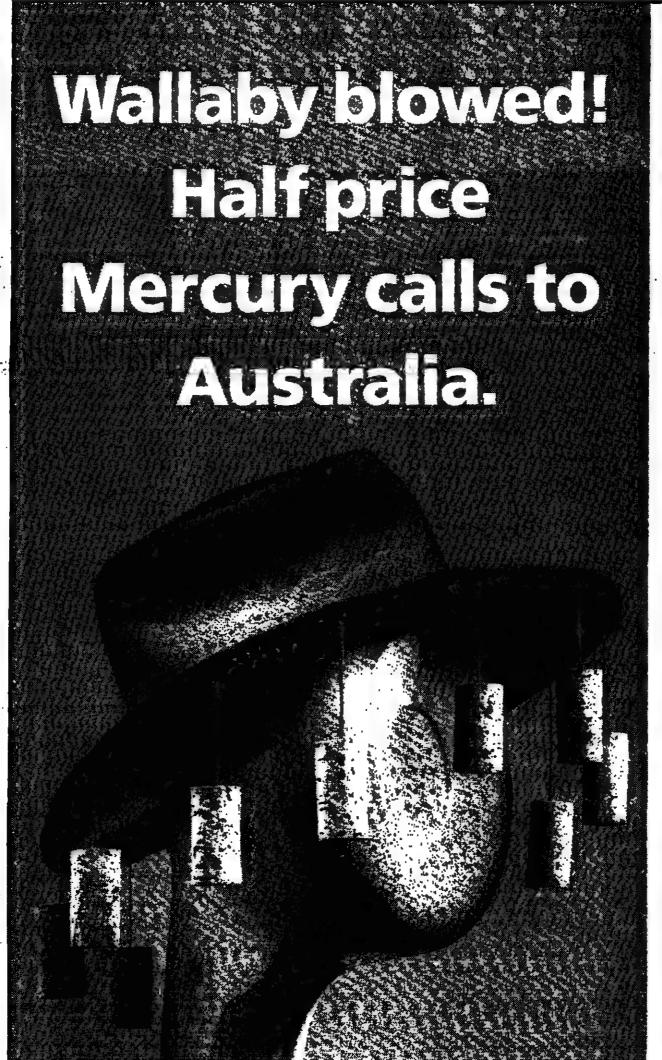
down to practical issues.

President Gavirla, a youthful 42, in an opennecked shirt, is so far removed from the old stereotype of the swaggering military South American despot that a British secunity man failed to recognise him and pushed him aside so, that photogra-

phers could get the better shot of Mr Major. The beautiful Noemi Sanin de Rubio, the Colombian foreign minister, caught many an eye, including that of Tristan Garel-Jones, the Spanishspeaking minister of state at the Foreign Office, who accompanied Mr Major on his Colombian trip. Nervously fingering his notes before handing over

notes before handing over to the president of the naval museum an historic chart of Cartagena Harbour drawn up by a British officer in 1741, Mr Major asked for his minister of state. Mr Garel-Jones was not on hand. He and the foreign minister were engrossed in the finer points of naval architecture.

The map handed over by Mr Major dated from the war of Jenkins's Ear which resulted in Admiral Vernon trying to seize Cartagena in the 18th century after Jenkins, the master of a Glasgow brig, had displayed his ear in a jar of pickles to a Commons committee and told them that it had been cut off by Spanish



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Bernard Levin

A fibreglass shark plunging into an Oxford rooftop is a lark that baffles officialdom

the planning committee of Oxford city council, might do well to go and boil his head in a light stock with a bouquet gami and perhaps a teaspoonful of sherry.

This discourtesy is provoked by Mr Power sounding off in no uncertain manner: "... a victory for anarchy ... a slap in the face for the decent and respectable people ... seeking legal advice ... "And what has brought him, in his municipal character, to such a state? Has someone opened a brothel next door to Balliol? Has the Sheldonian been taken over by meths-drinking dossers? Or has a band of undergraduate scofflaws had the impudence to debag Mr Power himself and paint his

No such luck. What has brought Mr Power to the very edge of bursting is the decision of the public enquiry imo the Hunting of the Shark. Over the six years of battle, you must have seen photo-graphs of the famous fish which adorns the roof of the Oxford house of a Mr Bill Heine (to whom goes the Diamond Star and Sash of the Order of They Shall

Be Mocked and With Good Reason); made of fibreglass, it is sited to look as though the shark dived headfirst at the roof-tiles and crashed through up to its gills. It makes a delightful, innocent, fresh and amusing sculpture, and people come from far and wide to see it, to admire it, to photograph it, and to smile at it.

But there is nothing about smiling in the analects of the planning com-mittee of the Oxford city council, and that august body ruled that it must come down, giving as the reason that it had been put up without planning permission, or more likely just because it likely just because it was delightful, innocent, fresh and amusing — all qualities abhorred by such committees. Mr Heine (if he is descended from Heinrich Heine, it is another reason for me to shake his hand) fought heroically through the

years as the battle swayed this way and that, with the authorities getting more and more indignant at the impudence of a mere person defying.

A fishy tale: monument

to an eccentric genius

the might of a planning committee.

It had to go to a public enquiry, and eventually did, whence the sound of corks popping at 2 New High Street, Headington. For not only did the planning inspector of the Department of the Environment, Mr Peter Macdonald, rule that the shark can stay where it is, but the decision was couched in language so human, so intelligent and so wise that it ought to be painted in enormous letters on the pavements (both sides) of Whitehall. Here are some of his conclusions: "I cannot believe that the purpose of planning control is to enity . . . Any system of control must make some space for the dynamic, the unexpected and the downright quirky, or we shall all be the poorer for it. I believe that this is one case where a little vision and imagination is appropriate." Whereupon, Mr Power made it clear that he would "try to challenge the decision", a threat that brought from Lord Palumbo, chairman of the Arts Council, this mild but appallingly true comment: "Most politicians do not know how to lose graciously."

When I am Ruler of the Universe, one of my earliest decrees will lay down that anyone who uses the words "What if

start unkindly, I fear, by saying that everybody did it? will be fed to Sirius, Mr John Power, who is chairman of the dog star. It is the last resort of the fun-killers, the oriflamme of the pursed lips brigade, the buttress of those whose motto is "Go and see what Johnny is doing and tell him to stop it". Anyone but a prize nana would have seen that Mr Heine's splendid lark (I pause here to commend the sculptor, Mr John Buckley) was an exact definition of delight, particularly Shakespeare's kind "that give delight and hurt not".
But it hurt the planning committee no

end, whence the six years of battle and the preposterous comments ("...a slap in the face of the decent and respectable people...") of its chairman when the

battle was finally lost and won.

It is not difficult to see how people get things so devastatingly out of scale; indeed it is one of the most thoroughly studied of human fraities. I poked fun at the Oxford council planning committee and in particular its chairman. but that was largely because I had a measure of that body — useful but nothing more. Now suppose you have worked hard and honestly at your job (useful but nothing more), and you dream, or once did dream, of making a

mighty stir. of climbing to the heights, of being Someone. What is the inevitable knowledge that goes with what has happened to those dreams, and what can be done about it? The knowledge, of course, is that the dreams have not come true; what can be done about it is to exercise that tiny corner of the world in which you do hold sway. Man, proud man,

dressed in a little brief authority...Shakespeare knew humankind, and knew that the briefer the authority the greater the vigour with which it is employed. The chairman of the Oxford council planning committee does not have the power to have anybody's head cut off, nor to have anybody exiled to Outer Mongolia, nor even to compel anybody to do penance in a white sheet for seven days and seven nights. But he and his council do have the power (exercised, I am sure, only in

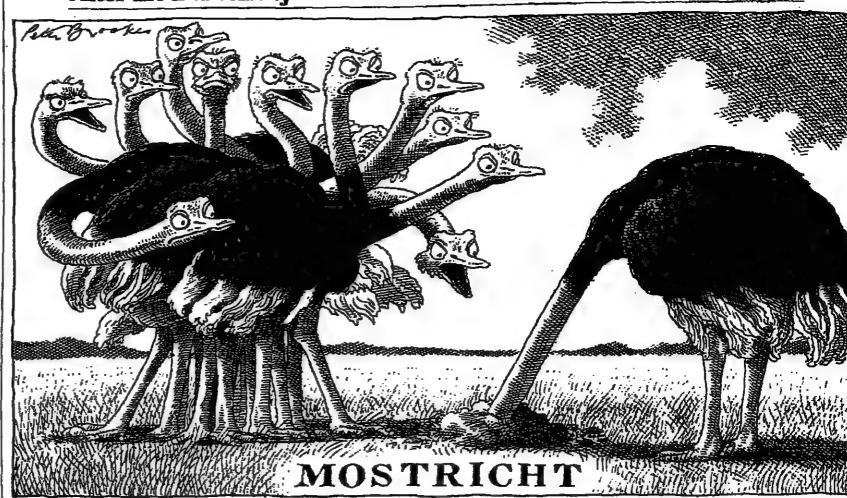
strict compliance with the law) to order a man with a 25 ft fibreglass shark on his roof to take it off. And when he finds that higher authority has overruled him. he is fit to burst — whence the slap in the face for the decent and respectable people - because even that little authority has been, at least for some time, taken from him.

Shun power, shun it fiercely, if you want to sleep soundly in your bed. If it is real power, the power to compel others to do your bidding, your dreams will be haunted ones. If it is the mock power of the chairmanship of a municipal committee in Oxford, you will wake to disappointment. I am not going to quote Acton, but here is Hazlitt, who in this

The love of liberty is the love of others; the love of power is the love of ourselves.

You do not have to be a bad man to want power. Our chairman is plainly an honest and scrupulous man, certainly to be numbered among the decent and respectable people who have figured so largely in this story. But he has forgotten the old and tried proverb: "A man with a stuffed shark on his roof is eccentric, and quite possibly in breach of the planning rules; a man who tries to take the shark off will run no danger of being bitten, but will almost certainly make a fool of himself."

After the Danish rejection should the Maastricht deal be reprieved?



A treaty that suits Britain

ix months ago John Ma-jor and Douglas Hurd were hailed as heroes for their brilliant diplomacy at Maastricht. On their return they were feted for securing ar agreement which avoided all the perils that had for months seemed to confront Britain inexorably, and which at the same time was welcomed by all our partners as a great step forward

for Europe. Should the Danish referendum vote lead us to revise that assessment? How should the situation arising from that vote be handled now? And what impact does all this have on the pros-pects for the British presidency? It is almost irresistible to cheer loudly when people cock a

snook at their leaders or when a small country seems to be standing up to its bigger neighbours. The sight of that happening has given new heart to those who opposed the treaty in the first place. But it cannot logically convert a good treaty into a bad one, although it obviously makes implementation far more difficult to achieve. Maastricht was not just an

escape for Britain from the imposition of a single currency and the social chapter. The benefits which led to its welcome everywhere else in the Community are benefits for Britain too. We would therefore be worse off if the treaty were not implemented. Above all it is a dangerous fallacy to suppose that if Maastricht is dropped, we shall simply go back to where we were

Those who think that are blind to the strength of feeling of countries such as France and Germany, which would like to go much farther ahead with European integration than the Maastricht treaty allows. If the treaty falls, they will unhesitatingly replace it with something much more integrationist, and they will be joined by many if not most of the other Community members. A tightly knit

National interest demands that the government ignore its Euro-sceptic rebels, says Leon Brittan

group of countries will be created with a common currency and common fiscal policy, a common foreign policy and ulti-mately a common defence force. It will be a grouping going far beyond Maastricht. And Britain will be outside it. It will have a profound effect on our economy, our political position in Europe and even our security. Except in the most legalistic sense, our sovereignty — in the sense of control over own affairs will be diminished. So far from being at the heart of Europe, Britain will be marginalised.

The Maastricht Treaty, on the other hand, retained EC unity and achieved many longstanding British objectives, but at the same time was sufficient in its scope to accommodate the aspirations of our partners. It would be folly so disregard it and worth making a real effort to make its implementation possible in spite of last week's vote in Denmark.

Far from leading the Community down the road to a federalised, centralised bureaucratic superstate, the Maastricht Treaty will give legal backing to those who wish to see Europe go in the opposite direction. It was no accident that the word "federalism" disappeared from the treaty during the negotiations. Moreover, the aim of keeping the Community's decision-making as decentralised as possible is enshrined in legal form for the first time. The idea of "subsidiarity" is written into the treaty, and the burden

of proof is on the centralisers. To give true effect to that concept, we must exercise restraint in deciding whether to take on new tasks at Community level. We should also not hesitate to hand powers back to

national governments when they need no longer be exercised by Brussels. If we do that, we will reassure people that they are not faced with an irresistible ratchet effect, leading to ever more power gravitating to Brus-sels. That will in turn make people more ready to agree that what really does need to be done in common should be done at Community level.

In each case the question should be a functional one, not a theological one, and the answer may vary over the years. If monetary policy in a single market may nowadays need to be determined centrally, control over drinking water or the handling of planning permission can surely be relinquished.

aastricht will also reinforce fair play in the Community by giving the European Court of Justice greater power to prevent one country from breaching EC rules in a way which damages another. By sharpening the role of the European Parliament and increasing democracy, it will enable elected MEPs to rein in the Community by vetoing any extravagant measures which may emerge from Brussels.

Where the Community must act in unison, the treaty will strengthen our ability to do so. In Yugoslavia we are seeing the severe limitations in the present system of Community co-opera-tion in foreign affairs, with tragic consequences. Only with a common foreign, security and defence policy could Britain and its partners act swiftly and decisively to defuse such crises beyond the EC's borders. Maastricht creates the structures to make that possible over time. without seeking to push it

artificially by imposing systems of majority voting. This is a crucial part of the treaty closely reflecting Britain's thinking. For all that, the Danes reject-

ed the treaty, as they were entitled to do. It would be foolish and arrogant to ignore the lessons to be derived from that. High among these is the need for the Community to make people more aware of what its policies can do for them. To give just two recent examples, Brussels has taken firm action to bring British car prices into line with European prices, and has acted to prevent holidaymakers being lured hastily into buying timeshare prop-erties they later regret — decisions which though not of opolitical importance, are understandable and sensible in the eyes of most British people. We must show in our decisions as well as what we say our belief in subsidiarity as a living principle

and not just a legal formula. For Britain, the presidency will require high skills and a steady nerve in giving effect to the foreign ministers' resolve to proceed with Maastricht but to find a way for the Danes to reconsider last week's decision. A renegotiation of the treaty would be tantamount to drop-ping it, leading to all the dangers that I have referred to. To go ahead without Denmark would be formidably difficult and highly controversial. The right way forward must be to stick to the principles of Maastricht, while providing adequate reassurance to Denmark about its interpretation and implementation. The current debate is about how best to combine those two principles.

Doing so will be a formidable Sir Leon Brittan is vicetask for the British presidency, but unless it is achieved it will be

very difficult to make significant progress in securing Britain's key objective of enlarging the Community. For how can we negotiate with potential new members if they don't know what it is that they are joining?

There is in any event always a risk of excessive hope and subsequent disappointment for any EC presidency. Six months is not long in the chair. In some areas Britain will merely inherit unresolved disagreements and deadlocks and will dispose of inadequate Community tools with which to deal with them, not least in the area of foreign policy. But in others, such as the completion of the Gatt agreement on liberalising world trade, a deal is surely within

The powers of the presidency

essentially the right to set agendas, table compromises, chair regular ministerial meetings and call emergency ones, as well as fixing overall policy priorities - are limited but should not be underestimated. Nor should Britain's suitability for the task, for it has two key ingredients - a government with a decisive and recent mandate and a highly efficient civil service machine. It also has a clear vision of where the Community should be heading: towards a balanced and unfederalist union, respectful of each nation's identity, rooted in fair competition and free trade, eager to out subsidiarity into practice, and with a determination to welcome new countries which are ready and willing and able to join.

I am confident that with Britain at the helm of the Community it is as well placed as it could be to proceed with Maastricht as well as fastening the single market and other vital areas of Community policy firmly into place.

president of the European Commission.



...and moreover Craig Brown

I lty-dwellers tend to have a number of misapprehensions about the countryside. BANG! BANG! For instance, they imagine that it is a healthy place to live, with everyone walking everywhere. BANG! BANG! BANG! In fact, people walk far more in London. where there is far more to look at and the shops are close enough to walk to. BANG! BANG! BANG! In the country-side, everyone drives, except for people from London who have come up for a good walk. BANG! BANG! BANG! You may have noticed, while

reading that last paragraph, that it was interspersed with the words BANG! BANG! BANG! This was because I am trying, in a non-aural setting, to destroy another illusion, namely that the countryside is a haven of peace, and placing BANG! BANG! BANG! throughout this article is as close as I can get to conveying the noise inflicted on country types by those terrible machines known as bird-

BANG! BANG! BANG! they go, every few minutes, from early in the morning until late in the evening. Until a couple of years ago, they were operated by some timing device, as even the most bird-loathing farmer would realise that his fellow humans would not take kindly to being woken with a BANG! BANG! BANG! before 7.30am or so. But this year the bird-scarers are light-activated, which means that they start to go off at the first crack of dawn. presumably even waking all those poor old snoozing birds for breakfast with their BANG! BANG! BANG!

For us, this summer is in some respects worse than usual and in other respects better. A couple of years ago, the local bird-scarer, though starting later, was fixed up not only with the usual murderous shotgun noises — BANG! BANG! BANG! — but also with what sounded like a very loud car horn, and the two would duet together all day, in the manner of a rather more aggressive Nina and Frederick HOOT! BANG! HOOT! BANG! HOOT! BANG! Happily, this year, as Nina and Frederick eventually split up, so too have the car horn and shotgun, the born deserting the shotgun to make its fortune in other parts, presumably terrifying schoolchildren by going HOOT! HOOT! at zebracrossings.

There are times when I wish that the BANG! BANG! BANG! would sound constantly, rather than just once every few min-utes. The Chinese water torture eventually sends its victims mad not because of the DRIP! DRIP! DRIP! but because of the gaps between. In the city, the nearest equivalent to the bird-scarer is the pneumatic drill, but at least it is continuous, so that after a while its noise, however loud. becomes part of the background, whereas BANG! BANG! BANG! is intermittent enough to make one just as paranoid during the silences as one is furious during the noises.

wards the bird-scarer if I felt its noise had any effect, but my eyes tell me otherwise. When it goes BANG! BANG! BANG!, a couple of the weedier birds may take to the skies for a second or two before returning to the very same place, but most of the heartier ones are happy to shrug it off without so much as a flutter of a feather, for all 1 know they may even welcome the BANG! BANG! BANG!, because at least it keeps the humans away.

Thre are times as I sit in my office waiting for the next BANG! BANG! BANG! when I think that some good must come out of my misery, that great humanitarian inventions have, in the past, arisen from the ashes of war. Yesterday, I came up with a red hot idea: a farmer-scarer designed to keep all farmers at bay. It would con-sist of a light-activated tape-recorder with a loud-speaker which would yell "Subsidies cancelled!" at frequent intervals.

Of course, journalism has its own reader-scarers: key words which, placed at regular intervals throughout an article, are sure to send the reader off in search of pastures new. For me, these at present include "Rio Summit" and "Anita Roddick". If only someone could devise a scheme for birds to read English, farmers could tie these words to bamboos all over their fields. Then the birds would beetle off, and at least we would all sleep easy.

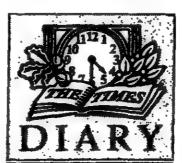
Fair's fair

AMID cries of fake and foul, the outward calm of the antiques world, which is enjoying its most important event of the year at the Grosvenor House Fair has been disturbed by a row over the show's most prestigious award. Sir Nicholas Goodison and his fellow judges have given the Artefact of the Year award to the dealers Wariski for a rare Franco-Burgundian engraved gold triptych of a Madonna and Child from about 1400. Yet only weeks ago the fair's vetting committee banned the pendant, claiming it was "a made

Kenneth Snowman, Wartski's chairman, could not conceal a wry smile yesterday. The judgment made, according to Goodison, for the piece's "superb craftsmanship, quality and beauty" - has left red faces among the fair's vetting committee of prominent experts, which scrutinises all displays for "appropriateness and authenticity". An embarrassed spokeswoman said: "I really cannot go into the grounds on which it was rejected, and frankly i can't remember. Masses of things are rejected." Few, however, go on to

win the fair's top prize.
The Wartski exhibit did so only because an angry Snowman called in top experts from the V & A and forced the Antiques Dealers Association to step in and reverse the decision. "I was furious," says Snowman. "But I was delighted to learn we had won."

Perhaps unsurprisingly, this year's winners have decided it will be the last time they appear at Grosvenor House. "The at-Grosvenor House. mosphere has changed." says Snowman. "It is no longer as congenial as it used to be. We will not be going back next year."



 This week saw a meeting at an address in central in London that would normally have passed without comment. But to the world outside it might have seemed heavy with topical portent. It was the six-monthly planning meeting for the Prince and Princess of Wales, attended by the couple and their staff to discuss the second half of the year. The meeting sifts through thousands of invitations and reviews months already crammed with appointments. Those present, including the royal couple, waded through the agenda as usual, pondering the surrealism of the newsstands outside. screaming "Riddle of Di's empty diary".

Eye-opener

THIRTY years after the event, photographer Lewis Morley has finally received payment for his infamous picture of Christine Keeler nonchalantly naked astride a kitchen chair.

Morley was commissioned by Private Eye to take the picture early in 1963, just before the Profumo scandal. "I had no idea who she was at the time," he says. After the affair broke the picture was "borrowed" from Morley's studio and quickly found its way into the tabloid press to become one of the icons of the swinging Sixties. The image has been widely hijacked, most recently in the film, Scandal, but Morley, having emigrated to Australia was never paid. Earlier this month he returned

to England for the first time and produced a limited signed edition of 50 prints, one of which has just been sold at auction for £2,800. "It is the first penny he has ever re-ceived for taking one of the most famous photographs of the last 30 years. We are trying to sort it out but it is a copyright nightmare," says Nicky Akenhurst, his London

I don't care how much Christine Keeler got ...



agent. Morley, now 67, this week returned to Australia after trying without success to contact Keeler. It would be worth her getting in touch. Akenhurst, who is selling the other prints at her Portfolio Gallery in Portobello Road. says: "Lewis doesn't really like selling his pictures for money and he feels Christine is entitled to a share of the proceeds."

Boot or topper?

IN BETWEEN sorting out the mess over Maastricht, the Foreign Office has been finding time to play Euro-Monopoly. Officials are in talks with Waddingtons, the board game manufacturers, over the important question of what

souvenirs John Major and Douglas Hurd should give their Community colleagues when they host the Edinburgh summit in December. Waddingtons has just produced a new EC version of Monopoly, played with ecus, and suggests it would make the perfect diplomatic gift.

Denmark's fears seem to be justified: it has been allotted the two cheapest slots on the board. Strandvejan and Slotsgade, in the corner originally occupied by the Old Kent Road and Whitechapel But if Euro-Monopoly is the perfect gift for Major to give his colleagues, what might the Danes give the rest of Europe when they take over the presidency on January 1? A set of Euro-Monopoly for the best suggestion.

Soldiering on

JUDI DENCH became the latest victim of an increasingly accidentprone Chichester festival this week, when she sprained an ankle and had to be carried off stage. The Prince of Wales was in the audience for the gala performance of Coriolanus, staged by Kenneth Branagh's Renaissance Theatre Group, and waited an anxious 15 minutes while the actress was attended by two doctors.

Dench reappeared with bandages and walking stick to complete her performance as Volumina and was back on stage again last night, too. With the courage of a lioness she played it flat out." says Patrick Garland, the theatre's artistic director.

Last month Branagh, who plays Coriolanus, fractured his finger on stage in a swordfight. He too carried on, grimacing with pain. The play, of course, offers its own commentary on the travails of its stars: 'Thou hast a grim appearance

... Though thy tackle's torn, thou shows't a noble vessel".

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Yet even the Romans, who introduced wine-growing to England, realised that with perseverance and the right kind of vine, English wine could be quite tolerable. Natural hazards need to be overcome, such as badgers' partiality to grapes. But the odd blazing summer, such as those of 1989 and 1990, can produce vintages that score highly



DEATH OF MAASTRICHT

The British government has suddenly lost its reflected in their domestic politics. Democaplomb in matters European. The Foreign racy may be maddeningly inconvenient to Office, with the cabinet in tow, has been oligarchs and bureaucrats alike. But it is trying to behave as if the Danish vote forces rumbling across Europe. Decorum may no change of strategy. It still insists on prevent the British government from saying ratification of the Maastricht treaty, as if the Maastricht is dead; but dead it is. treaty was a good thing and the Danes Acknowledging the death of Maastricht is simply have not realised that yet. It says that important, if only to discuss what should since Britain is now a good European its leaders must stand their ground, however

supplant it as the next stage of European cooperation. Seeking to scare electors by lethal the shells falling on all sides for a threatening an even more centralist framenewly-elected government to turn and run work is silly. Such a treaty would no longer be would show Albion perfidious beyond belief. ratifiable, even if politicians were foolish Yesterday Jacques Delors did his bit for enough to negotiate one. Nor will a mere this implausible line. He and his colleagues codicil to the existing treaty, with yet further are promising to behave better. They will exemptions and self-denying ordinances even rewrite history. Maastricht did not from Brussels, do the trick. extend EC intervention but reduced it by The British presidency is an opportunity to enshrining subsidiarity. Under Maastricht, the EC's Dr Jekylls would graciously allow nation states to go about their democratic business in all sorts of ways. M Delors

choose Europe a la carte. The extensions of Brussels power in Maastricht, notably in regional policy, must be abandoned. Steps towards monetary and fiscal union are already, in effect, inter-governmental and will see some states forging links inappropriate to others. The key now lies in the intergovernmental field, in co-operating over trade, migration, competition and foreign policy, properly monitored by national governments. It is these benefits, not the flatulent cross-subsidies beloved of Brussels, that should attract new members in search of wider continental markets and lower tariffs. It is a perversion of the Treaty of Rome to insist that it implies full political or economic union.

The greatest threat to true European cooperation at present comes from those now frantically trying to prop up Maastricht. It is they who stand in the way of concerted action to achieve the single market next year, to reform farm policy, to free world trade under Gatt, to attack cartels and protection. Neither Maastricht nor some cobbled together facsimile will circumvent the growing scepticism of European electorates to the centralism of big modern government. This centralism is typified by M Delors and the apparatus he, his colleagues and predecessors have built in Brussels over the past decade. They and their treaty are the last cry of the old Europe. They have croaked.

Good Europeans should now look to the British presidency, to the summit in Edinburgh in December, to John Major and to a sensible new dispensation aimed at what the EC has yet to achieve, not at what it should never have attempted.

RIO'S GREEN FRINGE

The White House yesterday asserted that the Rio Earth summit was "in danger of turning into a circus". The circus as William Reilly, head of the US Environmental Protection Agency, could attest from personal observation is in full swing. The Big Top is not for the moment in Rio, but on a beachfront 30 miles away, site of a vast assemblage of environmental pressure groups jumbled into a grandly entitled Global Forum.

pledges himself not to intervene in national

culture or the ethics of health. The emperor is

contrite and magnanimous today. But his

colleague, Sir Leon Brittan, warns on the

page opposite that, should anybody dare to

renegotiate Maastricht, M Delors would

become Mr Hyde. Son-of-Maastricht would

emerge and British sovereignty be strangled

in every back alley of Brussels. Such are the

The real M Delors is not all sweet talk.

While demanding that Britain remain

"neutral" as president in this debate, he

shows no such neutrality as an EC servant himself. He this week blithely demanded a

30 per cent increase in his budget to pay for

his regional policies and CAP reform. Last

night he repeated his federalist ambitions,

including his beloved "social dimension".

Thus far have he and his Commission drifted

from the mainstream of European politics.

That Norman Lamont and his fellow finance

ministers could reject the budget demand

out of hand shows that national govern-

ments are now ready to seize the initiative in

Maastricht was not the last word in

European diplomacy. It was a spatchcock

treaty, a messy compromise between tired

leaders few of whom studied what they were

signing. Britain did not like it but found it

just acceptable after negotiating exemptions,

exemptions which presaged an ever more

divided community. Other nations have seen

aversion to the EC's centralist tendencies

words of desperate men.

European matters.

To all of the fun of their planetary fair, which includes a delightful Heath Robinson box capable, according to its inventor, of mending the ozone hole, Friends of the Earth and its allies have added the excitement of a blood sport: naming the world's five environmental villains. In vain might the White House argue that "sound science must be distinguished from mysticism" or fulminate against the weak-kneed willingness of its Western allies to sign treaties they consider deeply flawed out of "green guilt". In vain might Britain purchase the indulgence of the judges' "parallel summit" by subsidising this more generously than any government save The Netherlands and Brazil. America, Britain and Saudi Arabia head the list of the

supposed "five dirtiest nations". These unelected non-governmental gadflies have their uses in mobilising consumers and embarrassing weak governments. Without them, whales and elephants would be more gravely endangered than they are, gasguzzlers less inhibited and loggers and ranchers freer to devastate tropical rainforests. The green lobbies frequently tread where Western diplomats should, but dare not: for instance in denouncing the rhetoric of national sovereignty with which Malaysia justifies the spoliation of its rainforests. But this simplistic and misleading listing of the countries they love to hate is an opportunistic grab for the world's

America heads the list allegedly for its refusal to sign the biodiversity convention at Rio, or to accept firm targets for curbing emissions of carbon dioxide, the main "greenhouse gas". But the biodiversity convention is so badly drafted that other Western governments, including Britain, are signing it against their better judgment. America's Clean Air Act will probably bring its CO2 emissions within the targets President Bush has declined to endorse. What is certain is that had America behaved irreproachably on both counts, it would still have headed the list, so hallowed is the tradition of bashing America at gatherings such as this. Britain owes its prominence not to criticisms of its environmental record, but to its refusal to sign blank aid cheques or to support the creation of yet another UN bureaucracy dealing with the environment, a bureaucracy that would doubtless employ many of those gathered at the Global Forum.

This midpoint in the Rio summit greenhouse is the NGO's hour of glory. Had they saved their fire on the need for a global forestry convention and more attention to family planning, which Third World and Vatican objections have relegated to the margins of Rio, the green lobbies would have served a more useful purpose. That they should be wasting it in an ill-judged witchhunt merely undermines their credibility. . .

ENGLAND'S NOBLE GRAPE

A British ambassador to France, agonising in his embassy's legendary wine cellar before a royal visit, telephoned the Palace to enquire whether the Queen really appreciated fine wines. "How would she know?" came the reply. "She's never tried anything else." So if the Queen was prepared to serve up English wine at a banquet she hosted for President Mitterrand last night in Paris, the royal seal of approval for Chiddingstone Pinot Noir '89 must be as watertight as a cork.

English wine is still too often treated as a joke or an oxymoron, like German humour or Italian efficiency. Not so long ago, antipodean vintages suffered from similar mockery. Now Australian and New Zealand wines are the flavour of London's quaffing classes. For the same price, a bottle of New World wine will often taste better than one from France.

Wine is not a natural product for our northern isles; only because of the warmth of the Gulf Stream is viticulture even conceivable. Many summers are too cold and wet to produce a crop at all. It is tempting to see wine-making in England and Wales (the Scots sensibly do not try) as a triumph of

even in blind wine-tastings.

Monasteries continued to tend the vineyards that the Romans had left behind. Though Anglo-Saxons tended, like their German cousins, to prefer beer, the Normans had a taste for wine. In the Middle Ages the English crown still owned winegrowing regions such as Aquitaine, allowing vast quantities of Bordeaux wine (known in English as claret) to be shipped in. But after the Hundred Years' War England lost those lands, and by Shakespeare's time, sack - a dry white wine from Spain - was the favoured brew. "I'll purge, and leave sack, and live deanly, as a nobleman should do," declared Falstaff, somewhat over-am-

Breaky Bottom. Three Choirs and Chiddingstone may not yet slip off or past the tongue quite as easily as Chateaux Latour, Lafite or Mouton Rothschild. But winegrowing in Britain is becoming a more professional enterprise. England has so far not enjoyed a competitive advantage in the making of wine. But who knows? With a little global warming. England may end up swimming in grapes while the south of France produces little more than raisins.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Reappointment of Delors and the Maastricht fall-out agreement would be jeopardised if

From Professor Lord Beloff, FBA Sir, The government seems rightly to have decided that any hopes for the Maastricht treaty depend upon giving life to the concept of subsidiarity

nothing to be done at the centre which we can do better ourselves. At the same time it appears to accept the reappointment of M Delors as President of the Commission (report. June 6).

The reason it gives is that no other candidate has emerged. Yet M Delors concept of subsidiarity is totally at variance with that held by Danes, Britons and many other citizens in member-states.

The explanation is that the govern-ment seems to accept the idea that the President of the Commission and his colleagues must be party politicians, more used to giving orders than to executing them. What is needed is that the next president should be someone of permanent secretary status from Whitehall or an equivalent from another member-

Similar appointments should be made as positions fall vacant. Messrs Delors, De Michelis, Bangemann and Madame Papandreou are entitled to pursue political careers; but they must do so at home. We no more need Euro-politicians than Euro-

SBUSBRES. Such a change in the character of the Commission would not only give body to subsidiarity, it would also have the advantage of checking the waste and fraud inherent in the Community's present operations — an aspect of its affairs consistently pointed to by its own Court of Auditors and as consistently ignored by the present Commission. Yours truly,

From Dr Martin Holmes

BELOFF,

June 9.

House of Lords.

Sir, Michael Dynes's defence of the EC Commission's harmonisation policy ("EC in shock horror tabloid outrage", Media, June 9) is unconvincing. It is not necessary to have "harmonisation" or "standardisation" in order to establish a single market; what harmonisation creates is a restrictive uniform market which deprives rather than enhances consumer choice.

Moreover, jobs are put at risk by the increased costs of harmonising zealotry. In my home town in

Passport to France From Mr E. Anthony Lewis

Sir, Your photographs of Thomas Cook (June 5) call to mind the following item in The Times of September 30, 1867:

"British Workmen in Paris: Artisans" be cautioned against accepting the invitations of touters for lodgings, who haunt the railway stations and other places to offer their services to unwary Britons, many of whom have been thus victimized. If a workman going to Paris has not already made in London his arrangements for lodgings by correspondence with Mr Hodgson Platt, Vice-President of Mr Layard's committee, 265, Strand, London, or through Mr Cook, the well-known excursion manager, he should immediately when he arrives in Paris proceed by cab, which costs 2f.. to the Workman's Lodging-house in Avenue Rapp, close to the Exhibition. If this house be full, then let him go to the British Workman hall in the Exhibition and ask for M. Houssoullier, and he will escape all

fleecing." Yours faithfully, E. ANTHONY LEWIS, 77 Dewsnap Lane, Dukinfield, Cheshire.

Word-watching

From Ms Ruth Hingston

Sir, Nearly every day Philip Howard catches me out in his word-watching

safari. You can imagine my delight-

ed surprise when I was able to return

the compliment on June 1. Saul's

daughter who married David was called Michal (no e). Michael is the

The two names are written dif-ferently in the Hebrew script, so that

one cannot possibly be taken for the

other — particularly as "el" is the normal suffix which, translated, means God and which appears in

the names of all the archangels.

Incidentally, there was very little love

of God apparent in King David's

Yours sincerely, RUTH HINGSTON,

6 Parliament Court.

Parliament Hill, NW3.

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B. W. J. RUTHERFORD

23 Oxberry Avenue, SW6.

Yours faithfully.

June 8.

From Mr B. W. J. Rutherford

Sir, About 1.000 theatregoers were

disgruntled at only receiving 40

minutes of entertainment at the Joan

Rivers show on Sunday evening (report. June 8) having paid £25 per

As they were offered refunds I am

sure they will all agree that when

compared to the thousands of cricket

spectators who paid up to £26 per

head, non-refundable, for one

minute of indifferent action at

Edebasion on Friday, they received

name of one of the archangels.

Grimsby, the fishing industry - already blighted by the disastrous EC fisheries policy - faces further cost burdens resulting from harmonisation measures which even include the standardisation of footoperated wash basins. Similarly, it is quite unnecessary to harmonise slaughterhouses in order to have a single market in food products. Nor is a 48-hour week necessary for a successful single market.

It is not national governments (through the single market process) that set the harmonisation drive in motion, as Mr Dynes claims, but the Commission. This obsession long pre-dates the single market endeavour. In his memoirs, Time and Chance, Lord Callaghan recalled a foreign ministers' meeting in the 1970s which spent "several hours discussing how to resolve our differences on standardising a fixed position of rearview mirrors on

agricultural tractors". The Commission has abused the noble aim of a single market to pursue such uniformity which, in the process, hastens the transfer of power from national parliaments to

I remain, Sir, yours sincerely, MARTIN HOLMES (Member, Academic Advisory Council, Bruges Group), 44 Park Town, Oxford

From the Editor of New European Sir, It is deeply worrying to those of us who support the European ideal when we read of Mr Des Hanafin, a Flanna Fail senator, effectively being thrown out of the party for refusing to back the referendum bill ("Dublin fights for yes vote", report, June 9).

When will our European leaders learn that if we want to construct a durable Europe, we must build it on sound foundations and not on tricks and skulduggery. Sound and effective co-operation may not be enough; but it is better than an unsound "union", and it may be the best route to the ultimate fulfilment of the European ideal.

Yours faithfully, JOHN COLEMAN. Editor, New European, 14-16 Carroun Road, SW8.

From Mr George Thomas Sir, You have reported several times that Mr Hurd is concerned that the British gains in the Maastricht

From Mr Arthur Duggan Sir. Frances Bissell writes ("Land of the watering mouth", Life & Times,

June 3) that only in France would a waiter decant your champagne into a chilled crystal jug. Equally, only in the same country when I recently ordered tea with milk was the milk Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR DUGGAN. 35 Springcroft, Parkgate, South Wirral.

From Mr Les Sharp

Sir, I have always thought that the worst part of travelling in France is bumping into English people who. are trying to be more French than the French.

Yours faithfully, LES SHARP, Orchard Cottage, 22 Green Lane, Hersham, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey. June 3.

From Mrs Frances Bissell

Sir, I recognise Mrs Salinger's description (Life & Times, June 5) of the English woman en tenue de soiree: "... most ladies at balls look as if they pull down a curtain from their windows".

My summer ball dress is made of

Water charges

Water on the other hand is supplied on the basis of a fixed charge - water utilities advertise to tell us to use less and conserve what

Do you believe that, in say ten years' time, when all households have water meters and payment is based on usage, the water companies will still be asking us to conserve

were provided on a fixed-charged basis, do you think that each utility would advertise the other's product? Yours faithfully.

June 8.

From the Secretary of the Water

water charges (June 9) is based on a misapprehension. Improvements to water supply and the water environment, currently costing £28 billion over ten years, are real but largely

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL CARNEY.

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negotiations were reopened. These gains seem to be no more than exclusions from commitments we particularly dislike. What clauses should we positively

like? The only suggestion has been that the treaty entrenches subsidiarity when in fact it gives the European Union competence in new areas such as consumer protection. education and vocational training. energy, the environment, town and country planning, health, industry, foreign affairs, security and defence, road and railway development, overseas aid, and visa, immigration and border controls.

What is left for subsidiarity, and who shall define what action can "be better achieved by the Community". as the treaty says? To judge by the foregoing the answers seem to be nothing and anything.

Unless Mr Hurd can describe

what real benefits accrue to Britain from the agreement then it seems we risk nothing by renegotiation as no agreement can be concluded without our consent and we need not fear its

Yours faithfully, G. THOMAS, 17 Campden Hill Square, W8.

From Mr Charles Wide

Sir, Subsidiarity cannot be depended upon to protect us from an overcentralised, over-regulated Europe. Who decides, in relation to any par-ticular issue, which level of govern-ment is the most appropriate? What happens if European institutions constantly purport to exercise powers which we believe should be exercised by our national government?

The European Court of Justice cannot be an adequate safeguard. Whether a decision is best made at European rather than national level is a political not a legal question.

Rather than rely on a woolly, pseudo-legal concept, the areas of the Community's competence should be strictly and exhaustively defined, so that we can see exactly what we are letting ourselves in for. Yours faithfully, CHARLES WIDE.

Mullions, Main Street, Yarwell.

Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.

June 9.

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woven Indian silk furnishing fabric. In winter I wear an evening cost made from an antique crimson velvet curtain and, carefully folded away for a session with my dressmaker, I have a pair of jade green velvet curtains.

I put this all down to having been taken to see Gone with the Wind as a highly impressionable small girl. Yours faithfully.

FRANCES BISSELL, c/o Peters Fraser & Dunlop. The Chambers. Cheisea Harbour, SW10. June 9.

From Mr David Dodd Sir, Whilst being most entertained, I question your editorial policy in sending your readers on holiday to France at a time when the tourism industry at home needs all the

encouragement it can get.

As we emerge painfully from the recession, this industry is relied upon heavily for the creation of jobs. And indeed, the delights of our British countryside surpass all others.

DAVID DODD (Proprietor). The King's Arms Hotel. Melksham, Wiltshire. June 4.

Civil War 'coins' From Mr Daniel Fearon

Sir, With respect, may I point out to those who worded the *Times* reader offer advertised in today's paper that Civil War coins are those coins struck during the period of the Civil War. They served, as does all coinage, as legal tender. Many such coins have survived, and are available in the commercial market. Collectors have enjoyed the study of these pieces from the earliest years of the Restoration.

The items you offer as "Civil War coins" are not coins but commemorative medallions - souvenirs, possibly even "majestic mementos" and have no status as legal tender. Perhaps this should be made clear to all those rushing to complete their application forms.

Yours faithfully, DANIEL FEARON (Council member). British Numismatic Trade Association). PO Box 82, Coventry CV5 6SW. June 8.

Nanny knows best From Mr Richard Horton

Sir, Our local bank's cash dispenser is persistently out of order. On enquiring within the branch as to why, my wife was told the machine was charged with a fixed amount of money each week and only ran out because people withdrew more than they really needed.

Yours faithfully. RICHARD HORTON, 31 Furze Lane, Purley, Surrey.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -071-782 5046.

If you could take it with you . . .

From Ms Toni Wallace

Sir. Re the late Robert Morley's instructions that his credit cards be buried alongside him (Mr Chenery's letter, June 5). I am reliably informed that the first thing I do each morning is reach for my hairbrush. I couldn't possibly step into the Unknown without it.

Yours sincerely.
TON! WALLACE, 10 Sussex Mews, Kemp Town, Brighton, East Sussex.

From Mr Jonathan Wallace Sir, Robert Morley and the management of the Putney Vale cemetery in south London are of one mind. In the car park is a newly-painted sign which, inter alia, advises: "Take all valuables with you," Yours faithfully, JONATHAN WALLACE,

91 Priory Road, NW6. From Mr C. M. L. Evans

Sir, In the unfortunate event of a miscarriage of justice and several thousand years ensuing before my sentence is quashed, after being found unsafe in the highest court of all, I will take a fire extinguisher. Yours faithfully, C. M. L. EVANS, Stannage Farmhouse,

Churton, Chester. From Mr D. H. Piper Sir. My heirs and executors have asked me to be sure not to forget to have my pensioner's travel permit with me.

Yours faithfully, D. H. PIPER, 49 Hans Place, SW1. From Mrs Heather M. Tanner Sir, I have specified a good map. I have immense trouble finding my

way in this life, so am extremely worried about the next. Yours faithfully, HEATHER M. TANNER, Kettleburgh Hall, Kettleburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

From Mr Max Crofts Sir, I go nowhere without my Swiss Army penknife. Yours faithfully, MAX CROFTS, Glenacre, The Hollow, Dunkerton, Bath, Avon.

From Mr Maurice Godbold Sir. A crowbar, in case the affair proves premature. Yours faithfully. MAURICE GODBOLD.

Maytree Cottage, High Pitfold, Hindhead, Surrey. From Mr Gordon W. Bull Sir, In the firm belief that there will olf courses in both beaven and

hell. I shall be taking my handicap certificate. Yours faithfully, GORDON W. BULL, 6 The Brow. Chalfont St Giles. Buckinghamshire.

From Mr Stuart Clive Sir. My persimmon driver, beautifully made exactly as I wanted by Harry Busson, aged 85, at Walton Heath golf club. Left-handed and difficult to get here — possibly impossible elsewhere. Yours sincerely. STUART CLIVE. 23 Templewood. Ealing, W13.

From Mr A. J. M. Hewitt Sir, James Broadbridge, the Sussex cricketer who, in conjunction with F. W. Lillywhite, established roundarm bowling as the established style, used to carry his cricket bat when out walking. It was his talisman and was duly buried with him. Yours sincerely, ALAN HEWITT,

102a Westhall Road. Warlingham, Surrey. From Sir David Willcocks Sir. A pair of ear-plugs, in case the heavenly choirs, singing everlastingly, are not in tune ... not forgetting all those harps. Yours faithfully, DAVID WILLCOCKS,

13 Grange Road, Cambridge. From Mr Stephen Driver Sir. Hedging my bets that it may not have reached the other side: my entire video library of Neighbours. Yours faithfully, STEPHEN DRIVER,

112 Rucklers Lane,

Kings Langley. Hertfordshire. From Mrs Doreen P. Mason Sir, My collection of Glyndebourne programme books. Yours faithfully, DOREEN P. MASON. 75 Pilot Road, Hastings, East Sussex.

From Mr Michael O. Grant Sir, A mobile phone - just in case. Yours faithfully, MICHAEL O. GRANT, The Woodlands, Hanchurch Lane, Hanchurch.

Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. From Mrs Felicity Butcher Sir, My glasses - so that I can see where I'm going. Yours faithfully. FELICITY BUTCHER,

36 Sion Hill, Bath, Avon. From Mr S. Isaacs Sir, My bank manager. Yours faithfully, S. ISAACS, 129 Queensway, W2.

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bitiously, at the end of Henry IV, Part I.

Britons still import almost all their wine. Less than half of 1 per cent of the total consurned is home grown. Off-licences often fail to stock it and some two thirds of English wine is sold directly from vineyards. The good name of English wine has also been tainted by experience with the less palatable "British" wine, which is quite another matter: wine made in Britain using imported grape concentrate from Cyprus or Spain.

From Mr R. T. M. Ahern Sir, Gas and electricity are supplied on the basis that you pay for your own consumption. Each of these utilities, therefore, feel it necessary to advertise their product extolling their virtues and encouraging us to use

we have.

Conversely, if electricity and gas

R. T. M. AHERN, 5 Campden Hill Square, W8.

Services Association Sir, Professor S. J. Wyard's letter on

invisible. It is these improvements, not payments to shareholders, directors or employees, that push up prices.

Secretary, Water Services Association. 1 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 10: His Excellency Mr Mohammadou N. Bobb was received by The Prince of Wales and The Prince Edward. Counsellors of State acting on behalf of The Queen, and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Commission as High Commissioner for The

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the High Commission: Mr Bai-Ousman Secka (Counsellor/ Head of Chancery); Mr Mom-odou Cham (Information and Tourism Attachėj; Mr Momodou Ceesay (Finance Anaché); Mr Mahamadou Juwara (Protocol/ Welfare Officer) and Mrs Sainabou Ndure (Tourism

Mrs Bobb was also received by Their Royal Highnesses. Sir David Gillmore (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for For-eign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mr John Boyd was received in audience by The Prince of Wales and The Prince Edward, Counseilors of State acting on behalf of The Queen, and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador at Tokyo. Mrs Boyd was also received by Their Royal Highnesses.

Mr Alan Pover, British High Commissioner at Banjul, was received by The Prince of Wales and The Prince Edward, Coun-sellors of State acting on behalf of The Queen.

Mrs Pover was also received by Their Royal Highnesses. The Queen was represented by the Lord Hesketh, Captain of Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gendemenat-Arms, at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Earl St.

Aldwyn, a former Captain of Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, which was held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster,

London SW1, today.
Today is the seventy-first anniversary of the birthday of The Duke of Edinburgh. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE**

June 10: The Princess Royal, President, Bridsh Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this morning attended the Annual General Meeting and Luncheon at the Berkeley Hotel. Wilton Place, Knightsbridge, London

Mrs Malcolm Innes was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, President,
Save the Children Fund, this

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, as Colonel-in-Chief of The Black Watch (Royal High-

land Regiment), will visit the 1st Battalion at Tern Hill Barracks,

The Prince of Wales, as President of the Royal College of General Practitioners, will deliver the in-

ugural John Hunt memorial

lecture at Church House, Dean's

Queenscourt hospice, Southport, at 11.25; as Patron of Turning

Point, will visit Ashworth Special

Hospital, Livernool, at 12,50; and

will open the extension to the Merseyside Police Training

ing Export Council, will visit Slix

at 339 Boulton Lane, Allenton, at

9.30; and John Smedley, Lea Mills, Matlock, at 10.40; as

BIRTHS: Ben Jonson, poet and

playwright, London, 1572; John Constable, painter, East Bergholt,

Suffolk. 1776; Mrs Humphry,

1851; Richard Strauss, com-poser, Munich, 1864; Azorin, pseudonym of José Martinez

Ruiz, Writer, Monovar, Spain,

DEATHS: Roger Bacon, philos-

opher and education reformer. Oxford, 1292; James 111 of Scot-

Hobart Tasmania

Centre, Liverpool, at 3.10. The Princess Royal, as President of the British Knitting and Cloth-

Market Drayton, at noon.

Yard, at 6.30.

afternoon held an Industry and Commerce Group Meeting at Buckingham Palace.

The Princess Royal, President, British Olympic Association, this evening attended the Derbyshire Appeal Dinner at Ilkeston Regency Rooms, Ilkeston, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Derbyshire (Colo-

nel Peter Hilton). Mrs Richard Carew Pole was in

CLARENCE HOUSE

June 10: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, President of the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association, today honoured the Association with her presence at luncheon at The Queen's House,

The Lady Angela Oswald, Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, Bt, and Captain the Hon Edward Daw-KENSINGTON PALACE June 10: The Prince of Wales

arrived at Royal Air Force Northolt this morning from a visit to Denmark. Fraser, RN, was in attendance.
The Prince of Wales, President,

The Prince's Trust, this evening gave a Dinner for supporters of

The Princess of Wales this morning visited Centrepoint. So-ho's emergency shelter for homeless young people at 25 Berwick Streer, London W1.

Captain Edward Musto, RM,

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 10: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Anglian Regiment, today received Lieutenant Colonel Richard Haes on relinquishing the appointment as

Commanding Officer of the 7th (Volunteer) Battalion and Lieutenant Colonel Murray Colville on assuming the appointment.
Princess Alice, Duchess of
Gloucester and The Duke and
Duchess of Gloucester were represented by Lieutenant Colonel Sir Simon Bland at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Earl St Aldwyn which was held in

St Margarer's Church, West-minster, London SW1, today. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE June 10: Princess Alexandra, Patron of the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art, this afternoon received Mr Laurie Marsh upon retiring as Chair-man and Mr Timothy West on assuming this appointment.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, later received Dr Clark Brundin upon retiring as Chairman of Anchor Housing Trust.

Association, will attend the 1992

dent of the British Olympic Association, will attend the Brit-

ish Olympic Bid Manchester

Princess Margaret, as President

of the Friends of the Elderiy and

Gentlefolk's Help, will visit Woodcote Grove, the society's

The Duke of Kent, as Vice-

Chairman of the British Overseas

Trade Board, will visit the Hirst

Research Centre, Wembley, at

11.30.
The Duchess of Kent will attend

dered, Miltoun, 1488; Sir John

Franklin, explorer, King William Island, Canada, 1847; Klemens

Metternich, statesman, Vienna, 1859: Alexander Kerensky, prime minister of Russia 1917, New York, 1970: Billy ("Bombardier")

Wells, British heavyweight boxing champion 1911-19, London, 1967; John Wayne, film axor,

The first oil pumped ashore from

British villields in the North Sea,

centre, Manchester, at 7.15.

home in Coulsden, at 2.45.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales will visit 2000 gala dinner at the G-Mex

Mills, Matlock, at 10.40; as the Grosvenor House Antiques President of the British Olympic Fair at 7.00.

Anniversaries

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Earl St Aldwyn

The Queen was represented by Lord Hesketh at a service of

thanksgiving for the life and work of Earl St Aldwyn held yesterday at St Margaret's Church, West-

minster Abbey. Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester and the

Duke and Duchess of Gloucester

were represented by Lleutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland.

Canon Colin Semper officiated and the Right Rev Edward Rob-erts led the prayers. Earl St Aldwyn, son, read the lesson, the Hon David Hicks Beach, son,

read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland and the Dean of St Paul's read Foot-

prints. Lord Carrington, KG.

CH, gave an address.
The Lord Privy Seal and Leader

of the House of Lords and Sir

Edward Heath, KG, MP, at-

tended and Lord Home of the Hirsel, KT, was represented by the Hon David Douglas-Home. Others present included:

New bishop

Bishop of Dunwich, the suffragun

see of the Diocese of St

Edmundsbury and Ipswich. Mr

Bailey, 52, has been Archdeacon of Southend in the Diocese of

The Rev Neil Purvey-Tyrer, Curate, Denbigh and Nantglyn (St. Asaph): to be Chapiain's Assistant Bodocotte, Marritale

tant, Basingstoke Hospitals

(Winchester). The Rev Alan B Ramssy, Vicar, St

Peter and St Paul, Lingfield, and

St George, Crowhurst, and Rural Dean of Godstone: to be Vicar, St

Mark, Mitcham (Southwark).
The Rev Michael Rear, Vicar.

Little Walsingham, Great

Walsingham and Houghton St

The Rev Marjorie Stanton-Hyde,

Parish Deacon, Elmley Lovett w Hampton Lovett and Elmbridge

w Rushock and Hartlebury and

Wilden: to be Minister-in-charge,

Hardebury (Worcester). The Rev Owen Vigeon, Rector, St

Wilfrid, Halton: to be also an

Chelmsford since 1982.

Appointments

Law Society The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Mr Alderman and Sheriff Neil Young, attended a luncheon held yesterday at 60 Carey Street by the Law Society. Mr Philip Ely, president, was host and among others present were: Mr Leonard Grose, Mr Christopher Laine, Mr James Wyness, Mr Mark Sheldon, Mr Michael Churchouse, Mr Philip Williams and Mr John Hayes.

Luncheons

Bathers' Company
Dr Susan Pembrey, Director of
the Institute of Nursing, was the
principal guest and speaker at the
annual awards luncheon of the Barbers Company held yesterday at Barber Surgeons' Hall, Sir William Slack, Master, presided. assisted by Sir Gerard Vaughan, MP, Mr R. Pincham and Mr R. Simmons, Wardens. Among

those present were:

Sir lan Todd, Danne Eathleen Raven,
Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir James Wan,
Mr V Mahadevan, students of all the
medical schools of the London seaching
hospitals, pupils from the City of
London School, the City of London
School for Girls, the City of London
School for Girls, the City of London
Freemer's School, Essom College and
Reed's School, Cobham, Surrey, who
have received the company's awards,
and the winners of the company's
Nutring Award.

The Crown Estate
The Earl of Mansfield, First Crown Estate Commissioner, and other commissioners were hosts at a luncheon held yesterday at 16 Carlton House Terrace.

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Association, will amend the 1992 British Olympic Pin ceremony at the Mottram Hall Hotel, Prestbury, at 12.30. She will visit Dr Kershaw's Hospice, Royton, Oldham, at 3.15; will visit the YMCA's Castlefield Hotel and "Y" Club, Liverpool Road, Castlefield, at 4.25; and, as President of the British Olympic Times Books announce publication today of The Times Guide to the House of Commons. With detailed results from all constituencies, as well as photographs of each MP and biographies of portant parliamentary reference book. It is available through bookshops at £25.00.

Christopher **Priday**

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Christopher Priday, QC, will be held in Gray's inn Chapel today at 5.00pm.

Meeting

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association The Speaker presided at the annual meeting of the UK branch of the Commonwealth Par-liamentary Association held yes-

terday at the House of Commons.

Gresham College

The following appointments have been made: The Rev Professor John Bowker to the Gresham Chair of Divinity; Professor Peter G. Moore to the Gresham Chair of Rhetoric: Sir David Calcutt, QC, to the Gresham Chair of Law; Professor F.E.G. Cox to the Gresham Chair

Baroness Ellier of Harwood, Lady Midgery, Lady Reigne, Lord Finmener of St Marylebone, Lord Sandys, Lord and Lady Campbell of Crty, Lord Margadale, Lord Gairdord, Lord and

Soldiers from the King's Troop firing a 41-gun salute in Hyde Park, London, yesterday to mark the Duke of

Edinburgh's 71st birthday. The six guns fired 21 shots for a royal salute and a further 20 because the event

was taking place in the capital. The Duke is accompanying the Queen on a state visit to France

Memorial service

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Mrs Edward Roberts, Lord and Lady Fanshawe of Richmond. Lord Combrook, Lord Grey of Namanon, Lord Rapier and Emrits, Lord Stratimore and Kinghorne Deputy Chief Whipi, Lord Graham of Edmonton (Opposition, House of Lords, Lord Graham of Edmonton (Opposition, Chief Whip), Lord and Lady Terrington, Lord Stockart of Lessinn, Baroness Liewelyn-Davies of Hastoe, Sonia Lady Pairfax of Cameron, Lord and Lady Greenhill of Harraw, Lord and Lady Greenhill of Harraw, Lord and Lady Greenhill of Harraw, Lord and Lady Farnham, Lady Asheombe, Lord Barber, Lord and Lady Richardson of Dunnisbourne, Lord Moulstone, Lord and Lady Tweedsmutr, Lord Moubrow, and Stourson, Lord Hastings, Lord Richards, Lord and Lady Terphan, Lord Kimball, Lady Carrington, Lord Sherifekt, Lord and Lady Teynham, Lady Sherifekt, Lord and Lady Typham, Lady Thorneyston, Lord and Lady Hife.

Baroness Elifot of Harwood, Lady

Counters St Alderyn (daughter-in-law), Lady Arabann Hicks Beach and Lady Aurora Hicks Beach and Lady Aurora Hicks Beach (granddaughters), Lady Della Venables-liewellyn (sixer), Sir John and Lady Venables-liewellyn, The Duice of Fife, the Duchess of Portland, Lydis Duchess of Seutord, the Murquess of Lothian, Rosemary Marchioners Camden, Penelope Marchioners of Salisbury, the Marquess of Marchioners of Salisbury, the Marquess of Heriford, Earl and Counters and Cambers, the Earl and Counters of Gainsburough, the Earl of Malmerbury, Earl Exchurs the Farl and Counters of Gainsburough, the Farl of Malmerbury, Earl Exchurs the Farl and Counters of Gainsburough, the Farl of Malmerbury, Earl Exchurs and Salik, Royal Margadale, Lord Osimford, Lord and Lady Aberdare, Lord Wigram, Lord and Lady Aberdare, Lord Wigram, Lord and Lady Terrington, Lord and Lady Dacre of Gianton, Baronese Senat, Lord Campbell of Allowin, QC, Lord Prior, Lord Morris, Lord and Lady Faringdon, Lord Morris, Lord and Lady Shepherd, Lord and Lady Swaything, Lord Peyton of Yeovil, Lord and Lady Shepherd, Lord and Lady Swaything, and Vam, Lord and Lady Culter of Ashbourne, Seroness Elies, Lord Kinnaird, Lord Srabasson of Tara, Baroness Young, Lord Lind Lady Gainsborough, the Earl of Malmerbury, Earl Benuret (representing the principal, governors and staff, Royal Agricultural College, Earl and Counters of Dundee, Anne Countees De La Wart, Earl and Countees of Dundee, Anne Countees De La Wart, Earl and Countees of Exburne, the Earl and Countees of Swinton, the Earl and Countees of Swinton, the Earl of Ferth, Earl Alexander of Tunis, the Countees of Liverpool, the Earl of Shrawabury, the

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Church news Birthdays today

Honorary Canon of Blackburn Cathedral (Blackburn). The Ven Jonathan Bailey is to be The Rev Keith Wassall, Vicar. Rickerscore: to be Priest-incharge, Coven, and Assistant Chaplain, HM Prison, Featherstone (Lichfield). The Rev Peter Weatherby. Team

Vicar, Cowley Team Ministry (Oxford): to be Vicar, Burslem St Werburgh (Lichfield). The Rev Kit Widdows, Vicar, St. Hilda's, Halifax: to be also Rural

Dean of Halifax (Wakefield) The Rev John Wren, Vicar, Eastbourne St Andrew: to be Vicar, Hove, St Barnabas (Chichester).

Resignations and retirements The Rev Ronald Hambleton, Rector. St Lawrence. Weston-under-Penyard; St Michael, Hope Mansel: St John Baptist. The Lea (Hereford): to retire as Giles: to be also Rural Dean of Burnham and Walsingham (Norwich).

from August 8. The Rev Alan Lee, Curate, Brighton St Peter and St Nicholas withe Chapel Royal (Chichestert: retired as from May 12.

The Rev Sydney Orme, Vicar, Knypersley (Lichfield): to retire as from September 1.

ional Film Finance Corporation. 79; Mr Richard Todd, actor. 73; Sir Gerard Vaughan, MP. 69

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr Tony Allcock, bowler, 37: Miss Diana Armfield, painter. 72; Mr John Aspinall, founder. Howletts Zoo Park, 66; Mr James Bostock, painter and engraver, 75; Mr Michael Cacoyannis, film director, 70: Lord Cameron of Lochbroom, 61: Miss Cynthia Cooke, former matron-in-chief, QARNNS, 73; M Jacques Cousteau. marine explorer, 82; Mr John Dyson, cricketer, 38; Mr Justice Evans, 58; Sir Marcus Fox, MP. 65; Mr Athol Fugard, actor and playwright, 60: Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Gerken, 60: Dame Beryl Grey, prima balle-rine, 65: Mr J. Dundas Hamilring, 05; Mr J. Dundas Hamilton, chairman, Wates City of London Properties. 73; Mrs Rachael Heyhoe Flint, cricketer. 53; Mr Hugh Laurie, actor, 33; Mr Paul Mellon, former president, Washington National Gallery of Art, 85; Mr Michael Meyer, wither, 71; Mrs Jennifer Meyer, writer, 71: Mrs Jennifer Pitman, racehorse trainer, 46; the Hon Timothy Sainsbury, MP, 60; Mr J.W.R. Shakespeare, diplomat, 62; Mr Jackie Stewart, racing driver, 53; Sir John Terry, former managing director. Nat-

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.K. Day and Miss J.F. Thompson The engagement is announced between Thomas Kirkpatrick second son of Mr and Mrs R.K. Day, of Sandton, Johannesburg. South Africa, and Joy Frances, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Thompson, of Huddersfield. West Yorkshire.

Mr J.G.R. Hunter and Miss F.R. Kaye

PETER TRIEVNOR

The engagement is announced between Jason, son of His Honour Judge and Mrs John Hunter, of Wimbledon, and Francesca, elder daughter of Mr R.L. Kaye, of Glasgow and Mrs V.M. Attenborough, of Lincoln. Mr P.P. Lacamp and Miss C.L. Davis

The engagement is announced between Philippe, son of Mr and Mrs Philippe Lacamp, of Norton. Kent, and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Davis, of

Mr G.P. Monaghan and Miss C.L. Wyatt Mr and Mrs Frank H.C. Wyan. of Shenfield. Essex, have much pleasure in announcing the engagement of their elder daughter Catherine to Garry, elder son of Mr and Mrs T.J.

Monaghan, of Belfast. Mr N.E. Osborne and Miss A.P.M. Cockin The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Julian Osborne, of Roade,

Northamptonshire, and Antonia,

daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter

Cockin, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent Mr A.J. Piper and Miss E.S. Bruges The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Commander and Mrs Michael

Piper. of Dartmouth. and Elizabeth, daughter of Major and Mrs Michael Bruges, of Semington, Wiltshire.

and Miss K. Osborn The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs A.H. Proctor, of Gosberton, Lincolnshire, and Karen, daughter of Mr and Mrs F.L. Osborn, of Maidstone, Kent. $\{A_{i}^{\mathrm{MM}}\}$

Mr H.N. Seely and Miss D.M. Muckle

The engagement is announced between Hilton Seely, of Redeliffe Gardens, London, SW10, and Denise, daughter of Mr Thomas Muckle and the late Mrs Muckle, of Rothbury, Northumberland.

Dr F. Suits and Dr J.L. Batstone The engagement is announced between Frank, son of Mr and Mrs H. MacCawley Suits, of Des Peres, St Louis, Missouri, USA, and Joanna Louise, daughter of

Mr and Mrs W.H. Baistone, of Winchester, Hampshire. Mr N.W.R. Thompson and Miss S.J.K. Westwell The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Thompson, of Garstang, Lancashire, and Stacey, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Westwell, of Haddenham, Buckinghamshire,

Mr P.G. Townsend and Miss M.A. Wilso The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Commander and Mrs John Townsend, of Crowthorne, Berkshire, and MaryAnne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs James Wilson, of Ingoldisthorpe.

The Rev J.F. Woollan and Miss V.A. Holbrook. The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Frederick Woollam, of Long Ashton, Bristol, and Valerie daughter of the late Mr Lionel Holbrook and of Mrs May Holbrook, of Westbury-on-Trym

Marriages

Mr J.F. Shipsey and Miss F. Rossell

The marriage took place on May 30, 1992, at St Mary's, Shaftesoury, of John, younger son of Dr Mervyn and Dr Mary Shipsey, of Beckenham, and Fiona, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John

Dr D. Wee

and Miss S. Nie The marriage took place on Tuesday, June 9, at St Paul's, Knightsbridge, SW1, of Dr Dawson Woo, son of Mr and Mrs Po Shing Woo, of 3 Belgrave Square, London, SW1, to Miss Sylvaine Nie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Nie, of Hong Kong.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Olivia Crundwell, Miss Carmen Woo, Miss Debra Lo, Miss Alicia Kwan. Master Joseph Marchbank and Master Samuel Thrippleton. Mr Ronald Lee was

best man. A reception was held in

Belgrave Square, followed by a dinner. The honeymoon will be spent abroad on a Mediterranean Mr J.N.S. Worthington

and Miss S.B.L. Hardy The marriage took place on Saturday, June 6, at Holy Trinity Church, Gidleigh, Devon, of Mr John Worthington, younger son of Mr and Mrs Ralph Worthing-

ton, of Combe St Nicholas, Somerset, to Miss Susanna Hardy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Hardy, of Castle House, Gidleigh, The Rev Louis Baycock officiated and the address was given by Pastor Gustav-Adolf Kriener. The bride, who was given away

by her father, was attended by Alexandra and Emma Wilton and by Edward and Henricita Worthington. Lord Strathclyde was best man. A reception was held at Castle

House, Gldleigh, and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Receptions Globe Centre Appeal

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Mr Alderman and Sheriff Nell Young, launched a public appeal at a reception held yesterday at Tallow Chandlers' Hall for the Globe Centre which is being developed to serve people affectd by HIV and Aids in the City and East London, Mr Michael Stone. chairman of the appeal committee, was the host.

Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals Dr David Harrison, Chairman,

and members of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the United Kingdom held a reception yes-terday in the Westminster Abbey

Service dinner

Cuidich'n Rìgh Club The 127th Annual Dinner of the Cuidich'n Righ, Duke of Albany's Club, was held last night at Claridge's. Captain J.V. Rischie was in the Chair, and Sir Hector Monro, MP, was a guest of the

British Academy of Experts

Mr Iain Goldrein has been elected as the academy's first ever Companion, for distinguished service to the academy.

Banquet

Lord Mayor The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained representative of commerce and industry, city their escorts at the City banquet held last night at Guildhall. The Lord Mayor, Sir Christopher Ball and Sir Christopher Tugendhat were the speakers. Members of the Court of Aldermen, the Chief Commoner and Members of the Court of Common Council and

their escorts were also present. During the banquet the Lord Mayor presented the "Dragon Awards", the Lord Mayor's awards for business involvement in the community, to: British Rail Network SouthEast, John Laing, News International, Sedgwick Group and Whitbread, and special certificates to Winterthul Insurance Company (UK) and Woolwich Building Society.

Among others present were:

Sir Raiph Perring, Mrs Fath Perring, Coloned Lord and Lady Mais, Lord Donaldson of Lymington and Dame Mary Donaldson the Led and Computed Mrs Donaldson, the Earl and Computed Lady Siton, Lord and Lady Remnant, the Bainister of State for Trade and Industry and Mrs Needham, the Parliamentary under Secretary of State for Transport and Mrs Norris. Sir Geoffrey and Lady Finsberg, Sir Terence and Lady Heiser. Sir Hugh and Lady Wheeler, Sir Nigel and La

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Hear the supplications of your servant and of your people israel when they pray towards his place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and when you hear, forgive. 2 Chronicles 6: 21 REB

RLOOMFIELD - On June 90 1992. lo Ollyla (nee Provis) and Andrew, a son. Charles Anthony, a brother for Georgina and Eleanor. BUCKMASTER - On May 23cd, to Fenella thee Eastwoods and Nicholas, a son, Luke Anthony. BURGESS - On June 9th, at

CAMPBELL - On June 9th. In Norwich. to Mary and James, a daughter. Chice Elizabeth. a sister for Jack and Harry CLUTTERBUCK - On June 10th 1992, to Camilla inée Nicholsoni and Hugh, a second son Henry Charles Meadows.

EVANS - On June 5th, lo Jacqueluie mée Walker) and Jonathan, a son, Guy Jouathan,

FAIRBAIRN - On Monday June 8th 1992, at Shepton Matter, to Rowena (nee Murray) and Bill a daughter, Frona Nina katherine, a uster for Oliver

FINN - On June 7th, at the Humana Hospital Wellington to Ruthle and Jerenty, a son. Boruch Hashem.

BIRTHS HOLLEY - On June 3rd, at Hinchingbrooke Hospital, to Allson (nee Barclay) and Derek, a son, Peter Edward James, a brother for Mark and William.

MiLES - On May 31st 1992. to Juliet thee Rights and Richard, a son, William. HUMPHREYS - On May 31st. to Hilary thee McCarteri and David. a son. Harry Jonathan Heyes.

JAKUBOWSKI - On June 3rd. to Roseniary (Jackson) and Richard, a daughter, Ella and a son, Joe. KEATLEY - On June 8th. to Sally thee Lamport Stoken and Richard. a daughter. Sopole. MacLEOD - On June 7th. lo

RUSHEN - On June 5th 1992. 10 Jane uner Ashton) and Kelth, a daughter. Catrin Sara, a syster for Thomas and SAMUELSON - On June 9th. to Susse and Dominic, a beautiful son. George Alex-ander, a brother for Sophic.

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STUBBLEFIELD - Heartlest congratulations to Str James and Lady Stubberbeld. Married on June 11th 1932 at St Cuthbert's Church. Philibeach Gardens, Sw. With love from their family. DEATHS

BLANCKENHAGEN - On June 8th 1992. Jinty May Porterfield Blanckenhagen M.B E. peacefully at home. aged 53 years. having in ed with Cancer for 14 years. Betored wife of Michael and fantasile mum for Rachael. Hilmary and Lisa. Thanksgiving Service in St Matthias Church. Richmond. Surrey. at 11 am on Monday June 15th. Family flowers only. Donations to the Breast Care and Mastectomy. Association. 15 Brillen Street. London SW3 3PZ or Princess Alice Hospice, West End Lane, Esher. Surrey KT10 8NA.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

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BOXER - On June 5th.

suddenly in Ealing Hespital.

Frank Henry Lenn Boxer,

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husband of Joan and devoled

father of Nigel Funeral

Service will be held at West

Heris Crematorium. High

Elms Lane, Garston, Watford

on Monday June 18th 2 pm. on Monday June 16th 2 pm. Flowers to Christopher Wickenden Funeral Services.

71 Greenford Avenue. Hanwell, W7 ILI or donations if desired to The

COE - On June 6th 1992, sud denly. Kenneth Alfred Coe, aged 69, of Cobham, belon ed husband of Margherila and dear father of lan. Sers ice at Randalls Park Crematorium. Leatherhead. On Monday June 15th at 1 pm. Flowers if desired to James & Thomas Ltd.. Funerat Directors. Milit Road. Cobham. Surrey

CRITICOS - On June 9th, peacefully after B long litness, in Althens, Dora Inée Lemos! Any donations to Aghia Philothel Trus!

DUMBELL - On June 5th, peacefully in Haslemere Hospital after a short illness, Blddy infe Trinder, Much loved mother of Jonathon, Tessa and Alastair and grandmother of David, Barnaby and Christian Funeral at Rudgwick Church on June 17th at 10 15 am Family flowers only EATWELL - On June 9th.
Peter Frankling, aged 72,
peacefully after a short
illness. Funeral Barkway
Church, June 16th at
3,15pm.

DEATHS BRYCE - On June 8th 1992, peacefully at home after a long lilness. Josephine Hartford, Mother of Nuala and Columbus Funeral at Campbelt Funeral Home. 1076 Madsson Avenue, New York, on Friday June 12th al 11.30 am. GRIFFITHS - On June 10th. Leon. aged .64. peacefully after a distressing illness. Private family funeral. A

Barnel Hospital for their care
LECLERC - On June 8th In Winchester Hospital. Ruthene, formerly Glass mee Driver-Williams! Mother of Shella. David and Patricla and grandmother to Catherine. Allson and Sarah Al Peace. All enquiries to W G Bush 107031 612463 McCRAITH - On June 9th 1992. peacefully in Jersey ithree days before her 100th birthday! Violet Muriel the daughter of the lale Sir James McCraith Futeral at Si Bernadete's Church. Si

James McCraith Funeral at St Bernadeite's Church. St Brelade, at 2.30 pm on Friday June 12th. Family flowers only. but donations if desired to St Bernadeite's Church c/o Rev. Falher Criffin.

NORTH On the June 6th Camble. suddenly in Virginia, for ing husband of Robin, stepfather of Cur and Eille. dearest brother of Victoria and Vera. late of Boldshaves. Woodchurch. Kent. Enquires 0344 25192

DEATHS

RHODES - On June 6th 1992, peacefully in her steep. Kalthiem Theodora Rhodes M B E. aged 103. A most exceptional lady, before do you many in her very long life of service to others in two World Wars and in London and Paris, Funeral Bourne mouth Cremaintum at mouth Crematorium a 2.30pm Monday June 15th

VERGNANO - On June 7th. in hospital after a short illness Laurence Peter Vergnano F.R.S.C. Sorely missed by family and friends. Service to be held on Monday June 15th ,

WILLIAMS - On June 5th 1992, peacefully Dorls Millicent, aged 88 years beloved wife of the late Frederick and dearly loved mother of Paul and mother in-law of Neils and grandmother of Mark, Barhara, Annabel and David and greal-grandmother of Anna and Jenny, Requiom Mass at 2 pm Monday June 15th at Holy Croes and ill Saints, Warley folloused by burnal at St Mary, the Virgin, Great Warley Family Great Wartes Family flowers only, but donallons if desired to The House of Prayer, Abbutswick, Navetockside, Brentwood, CM14 ESH.

MEMORIAL SERVICES HENDERSON - Dr. John Henderson CBE. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of John Henderson wift be held in SI Paul's Church. Willon

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WORD WATCHING

Answers from page 20 MESOUTTE

(c) Either one of two leguminous trees growing in SW North America, the honey mesquite and the screw-pod mesquite, from the Mexican Spanish word: "Here and there are trees of acacia and mesquite, the denizens of the desert land."

(c) A set of instructions for finding one's way at sea, A

marine chart to the routes and tides, from the French route: "The rotters, unofficial coast pilots for the sixteenth century, were written primarily for finding one's way along European coasts." GORING (b) The action of ploughing a gore, or triangular headland or strip at the side of a field, from the OE gar a spear head: "Gorings are the neeven triangular

bits at the side of a field which does not form a parallelogram."

PRETTY MEN (c) In OE pretty originally meant couning, crafty, and wily. In Scottish use it came to mean ready for war, armed and armoured, perhaps with influence of the French prêt ready. Scott gives a full acount in Rob



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TIMINGS

Edward Kenneth Timings, MVO, former Principal Assistant Keeper of Public Records, died at his home in London on May 31 aged 74. He was born on March 8, 1918.

KENNETH Timings devoted most of his career in the Public Record Office (PRO) to making available to others the extensive and enthusiastic knowledge that he acquired of the public records as a source of study. His abilities as a teacher were very considerable, whether in guiding young postgraduate students to research topics, or in assisting them with their research. or, later, in imparting what he knew to his younger colleagues, sometimes in notes, scribbled in an atrocious hand on incoming enquiries, or presiding at tea, which became an informal seminar.

He was unstinting with his time; endlessly patient and kind. His rich, booming voice, as he explained the intricacies of Chancery Proceedings, the Admiralty Digest or the Foreign Office Correspondence in the academic quiet of the Round Room, would have irritated other searchers, had they not had reason to be grateful themselves for similar scholarly expositions. As was constantly said of him, he will live on in the acknowledgements and footnotes of an untold number of publications.

His generosity to his extensive circle of friends, which came to include many of the



esearchers he assisted and his colleagues of all ages, reached well beyond the PRO, and many of them came to enjoy through him the splendours of the Garrick Club or benefited from his hospitality in his flat, cluttered with his collections of books and objects. He loved organising what he always processing the called vins Chonneur after work for colleagues on the slightest excuse. He also devoted much time to befriending a group of elderly ladies. whom life had left single and to whom the PRO had at the stage become some thing of a second home. They included a number of the professional record agents, of $(\{x_1,\dots,x_{n-1}\}_{1\leq i\leq n}, \{x_{n-1},x_{n-1}\}_{1\leq i\leq n}]$ whom one was Beveridge's research assistant, Mildred Wrette Country Wretts-Smith, and he delighted in their scholarship and in their eccentricities.

Timings was educated at King Edward VI School, his books.

Slamet Bratanata, leading Indonesian political dissi-

dent, died from a brain tu-

mour on June 5 aged 64.

SLAMAT Bratanata was the

spokesman of the Petition of 50 movement, set up 12 years

ago by ex-generals, former

cabinet ministers and reli-

gious leaders to campaign for

constitutional and democrat-

The group repeatedly ac-

cused President Suharto of

stifling democracy and

handing lucrative business

The government banned

members of the group from

concessions to his relatives.

ic rights in Indonesia.

Birmingham, and King's College, Cambridge, where he obtained a double first in history. After the war, in which he served in the RNVR in West and North Africa as a liaison officer with the Free

French forces, it was at the Public Record Office in Chancery Lane that in 1947 he found what was to be his life's work and was appointed an assistant keeper. After serving in the search rooms and engaging in editorial work, and also in 1956 taking up a part-time lectureship in the University College London archive diploma course, Timings was promoted in 1963 to spend four not particularly happy years overseeing the processes of selec-tion of modern departmental records. He moved to become the head of the search depart-ment in 1967 and remained there until his retirement in 1978 in which year he was

made MVO.

His work in the search room left him little time, with one exception, for published work other than articles. He liked to recall that, during the interview for his job, the formidable Hilary Jenkinson asked him which was his particular field of English historical study, and, on his answering that it was the end of the seventeenth century, asked further, "Which end?" This knowledge of later Stuart history provided the foun-dation of his single substantial published work, the editing of the three volumes of the Calendar of State Papers Domestic James II. This summary of the domestic correspondence and papers of the King's secretaries of state provides access to countless records of

Timings was an old world

figure, only ever travelling

around London by bus or by

taxi, and he was given to

saying, far from wholly

unseriously, that all change

would turn out to be for the

worse. As the great tides of

contemporary records swept into the PRO from the late

1960s onwards, it ceased to

be possible, as it still had been

in the 1950s, for a single

person to achieve or to main-

tain the grasp of the public records that had been his,

made inevitable the building

he detested it and the splitting

of the PRO in two. His last

years at work were spent feel-

with developments around

him and combating the

breakdown of his health, al-

though none of this was per-

mitted to abate his private

It was therefore a particu-

lar sadness to his many

friends that in retirement he

withdrew into a reclusiveness

which it was extremely diffi-

cult to break through, and he

spent his final years alone (he

never married), not

uncheerfully surrounded by

travelling abroad and for-

bade banks to lend them

money. Until recently the

Indonesian media were not

allowed to quote anything

Bratanata, a minister of

mines in the early days of

Suharto's rule, was the au-

thor of often-barbed editori-

als in one of Jakarta's

English-language dailies and

was frequently quoted by the foreign media. Earlier this

year he and other dissidents

established the Forum for Pu-

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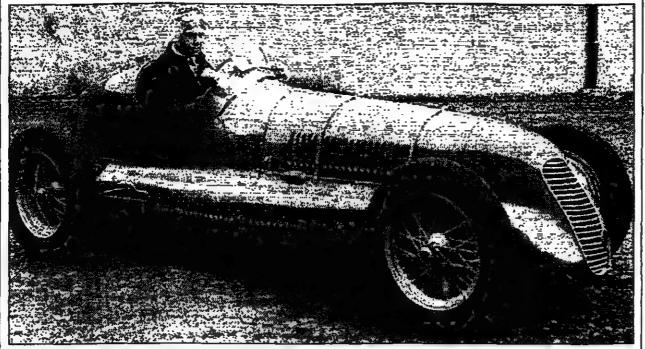
the most outspoken public

attacks on President Suharto.

sociability and generosity.

When war began Tongue, constitutional, political and ecclesiastical significance for the history of the reign.

REGINALD TONGUE



Reginald Tongue at the wheel of his Maserati 4CL voiturette racing car shortly before the war

Reginald Ellis Tongue, racing motorist, died on June I aged 79. He was born on July 17, 1912.

REGGIE Tongue was a member of that bright band of debonair, wealthy amateur racing drivers who made their mark at Brooklands and on the Continent during the Thirties before devoting themselves with equal enthusiasm to fighting the Battle of Britain.

Tongue was always among the front runners of his day, achieving numerous success-es including, most notably, victory in the 1936 Cork 200mile race. Under vastly different circumstances, he would probably today rank among the top half-dozen Grand Prix drivers in the field.

as a member of the RAFVR. was swept into combat, flying Spitfires with distinction, Later he was appointed a test

pilot to Rolls-Royce and after the war, although his interest in motor sport remained undimmed, he chose not to return as a driver, but instead was instrumental in founding and developing the Oulton Park racing circuit.

Tongue gained his love of

motor sport from his father, who had the wherewithal to enjoy motoring in a number of fine cars including a 3-litre Bentley and a 1924 10/23 Talbot two-seater. The Talbot was the first car driven by young Reggie who, in his father's absence on business in Ireland, took it flat out in second gear round the lawn with destructive effect. When Reggie wrote from Sedburgh for pocket money, his irate parent replied to the effect that he would be paying off damage to the lawn until long after his school days were

Tongue's father died while his son was still at school and his trustees decided unilater-Continent. In 1939 he became the first owner of a ally that the Bentley must go. in view of its unsuitability for Maserati 4CL - the outa young man. They said, howstanding privately available ever, that he could keep his voiturette racing car of the father's everyday MG 14/40 fabric saloon. However, period, and was closely in-volved with the organisation of John Cobb's successful at-Tongue had other ideas and, while in the sixth form, apptack on the world land speed record at Utah in a car built lied pressure to his trustees who were eventually persuadby Thomson & Taylor (Brooklands), of which he was ed that an open sports car was, after all, more appropri-ate. An order was duly placed later chairman.

for a new Brooklands Riley

car which Tongue was not

allowed to race but with

which he began his competi-

tive career in the reliability

While at Exeter College,

Oxford, in 1935, he pur-

chased from Dick Seaman

the ex-Whitney Straight MG

Magnette racing car. A year later he took delivery of a

brand new ERA single-seater

with which he embarked on a

serious programme of races at Brooklands and on the

trials of the day.

His sport energies after the war turned to sailing, shooting and, much later, to riding with the Cheshire Forest Hunt. Having skilfully avoided the need for regular employment in his racing days, Tongue after the war became chairman of Lookers and other motor companies.

He was a Freeman of the City of London and a past Master of the Worshipful Company of Loriners. Reggie Tongue is survived by his second wife Elsie, his son and two daughters.

KATE WHARTON

Kate Wharton, journalist and author, died on June 6 aged 61. She was born on April 10, 1931.

KATE Wharton was a writer whose own life was quite as interesting and romantic as those of the people about whom she wrote with sympathy and style for a decade in the Mail on Sunday. Her unconventional 20-year marriage to Michael Wharton. one of the founders, and subsequently the mainstay, of the Peter Simple column in The Daily Telegraph, was vividly described in Wharton's two volumes of memoirs, The Missing Will and A Dubious Codicil.

They met in 1951, when she was 20-year-old Kate Derrington, a convent-educated girl from Birmingham who had hitch-hiked to London to find employment as a writer. Wharton was working for the BBC. He described her as a tall blonde, wilful egotistical, wild and dangerous", but they shared a love of books, poetry, music, wine and walking in the country.

Their marriage, in the early years, was an "open" one in which both enjoyed other relationships. There was one daughter of the marriage, Jane, but the household was later to expand to include Kate's two children, Vicki and Kit, by Colin Welch, Wharton's friend and colleague as Peter Simple. Wharion himself described his wife's attachment to Weich as "a commitment to a lifelong love affair". The principals maintained their friendships but the tensions of their unusual menage led to a fair degree of what Michael Wharton called "horror, verbal abuse" and the smashing of plates and the flinging of briefcases and handbags from taxis in motion.

Kate Wharton's journalistic career took off with the foundation of the Mail on Sunday, where she turned her hand with equal facility to news reporting, feature writing and book reviewing, the latter activity continuing until the last few weeks of her life.

As a newspaper writer, Kate Wharton possessed a singular toughness, combined with an instinctive and genuine sympathy for people. which enabled her to produce some notable exclusives for the Mail on Sunday without ever incurring the "sob sister" sobriquet. She wrote a moving interview with a woman who had lost three generations of her family in the Hillsborough soccer disaster, journeyed to the Antarctic aboard the Friends of the Earth's vessel, Greenpeace, interviewed an astonishingly wide range of celebrities, and camped with the Greenham Common women. Her lament on the death in 1987 of Charlotte, her beloved Jack Russell terrier, at the advanced age of 17, resulted in the biggest postbag ever re-ceived for a single article in the Mail on Sunday.

It was an assignment for the newspaper, investigating the background to the Baroness Susan de Stempel Affair, in which the baroness was iailed for seven years for defrauding Lady Illingworth. her schile aunt, out of her fortune, which led to her bestselling book on the case, Blood Money. Ironically, its success opened the prospect of a new career as a full-time author. But soon after its publication Kate Wharton was diagnosed as having cancer.

An enormously popular figure in Fleet Street before the newspaper diaspora, Kate Wharton enjoyed a wide cirde of devoted friends wherever newspaper people gathered.

LAURENCE NAISMITH

Laurence Naismith, character actor of stage and screen, died in Queensland, Australia on June 5 aged 83. He was born at Thames Ditton, Surrey, on December 4, 1908.

LAURENCE Naismith was was one of those "I know the and this saddened him. The face but" actors, born to play growth of the records also Faistaff or Henry VIII but of a new record office, which appearances in more than opened in Kew in 1977, and fifty movies, while on stage only occasionally achieving the critical and classical eminence that his stature and ing increasingly out of sorts bearing would seem to have promised. Born Lawrence Johnson he

was educated at the All Saints Choir School in Marylebone where an exact contemporary was the teenage Laurence Olivier, whom Nalsmith later recalled as "awkward as a cow trying to balance on a wire".

The theatre was not his first choice of profession, but after several months as a merchant seaman he was drawn to the footlights, making his debut rather uncharacteristically in the chorus line of Oh Kav! at His Majesty's in September 1927, though musicals were

to form a strong part of his late movie career. From there he went to the Bristol Repertory Company, first as a stage manager, and he spent the 1930s in a series of regional companies before forming several small-scale touring ventures of his own as an

actor-manager.

He served throughout the war with the Royal Artillery. ending in 1946 as an acting battery commander, and then returned to the West End as the Salesman in Rocket to the Moon, where Harold Hobson saluted him for "a performance of brief, swift, guileless and unsuspecting

His next major role came in the 1953 Coronation revival



As an avuncular Merlin in Camelot. 1967

of Shaw's The Apple Cart, where he played Troteus the prime minister to the King Magnus of Noël Coward. On one celebrated afternoon, Coward was leading a party of distinguished continental embassy visitors on a backstage tour of the Haymarket when they came upon an unsuspecting, bearded and bulky Naismith, dressed only in a pair of jockey shorts, making a telephone call from the stage door. "And that," said an unperturbed Coward, concluding his tour to the astonished visitors. "is our Miss Prendergast, such a

Throughout the 1950s Naismith's large, bearded figure remained a familiar part of the West End, where his roles included Wiathrop in Charles Morgan's The Burning Glass, Cauchon in The Lark and Dvořak in Summer Song, which reintro-duced him to the world of musicals where he went on to score a notable double as Martin and Pangloss in the original 1959 staging of Leonard Bernstein's Candide at the Saville.

He made his New York debut on Broadway in 1963. playing Oliver Surface in a Gielgud production of The

School for Scandal with Ralph Richardson which had already opened to great acclaim at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket, and for much of the rest of that decade he remained in America, playing a notable Father Christmas in an otherwise undistinguished Meredith Wilson musical called That's Love. His last major London appearance was in 1971 as Arthur Winslow in a revival of Rattigan's The Winslow Boy. Naismith's film career was

equally prolific, starting in 1947 with a minor role in Trouble in the Air. He was reunited with his old schoolmate Olivier for The Beggar's Opera in 1951, and then again in 1956, in a performance of notable dignity. when he was the Lord Stanley who retrieves Richard III's crown on Bosworth field.

Among his many other film roles were the agonised Captain of the Titanic in A Night to Remember (1958), an avuncular Merlin in Camelot (1967), another musical appearance in Scrooge (1970) and the ghostly title role in The Amazing Mr Blunden (1972).

His television appearances were less frequent, though he played the Judge in The Persuaders series and was in one or two BBC TV Shakespeares, notably the 1979 Romeo and Juliet.

His very last roles included the James Bond adventure Diamonds Are Forever and some minor television, but through the 1980s he was often to be found in Berkshire village pubs near his Newbury home, still a Falstaffian figure of immense jollity who never managed to seize the crown of a King Lear. He was married to Christine Bocca, and listed his loves as "home, family. swimming, bridge and horse-

APPRECIATION

Edouard Roditi

MAY I add another coda to your excellent obituary on Edouard Roditi (May 18) in a more personal tone? When I lived in Paris from 1947 to 1959. Edouard was one of my best friends. He was not only exceptionally brilliant, but also so very hospitable and kind, and I always found him extremely withy with a great sense of humour.

He loved feeding people, and would boast about how little he had spent on creating some delicious concoction. He was able to write his articles at his typewriter with a room full of people. But he was basically a sad man and spent many hours on the psychotherapist's couch.

He was always intending to come to Venice after 1962,



stayed with him twice again in Paris. I remember him with the greatest affection as one of the most extraordinary people I have ever known.

Christina Sinclair Thoreshy

boats, orange inflatable life-rafts and landing traft after the

attack, ferrying survivors and injured ashore. Casualties

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June 11 ON THIS DAY

On June 14, Mrs Thatcher

informed the House of Commons that British forces were in command in the Falklands — an operation boldly planned, bravely accomplished" But there is always a price to be paid for victory: 56 men were killed or missing in the action below: the death roll for the campaign was 255.

Task force's darkest hour

John Witherow of The Times gives, in a pooled dispatch, an eye-witness account of Tues-day's air attacks on the landing ships Sir Galahad and Sir Tristram: Argentine warplanes crip-

pled two British supply ships in the first low-level air strike over the advancing invasion force for ten days. The number of dead was not immediately known; but up to 80 men were badly burnt from explosions. In a second raid two hours later. Skyhawk jets attacked and damaged a small troopcarrying landing craft in the Choiseul Sound. A number of troops were feared dead. British forces later claimed they had shot down three of the

anacking aircraft.
Two Mirages and two Skyhawks swept in undetected over the land to strike at the Royal Fleet Auxiliary ships Sir Galahad and Sir Tristram. Two bombs hit Sir Galahad. one exploding astern, rocking the vessel and sending thick black smoke billowing high above Fitzroy settlement 20 miles south-west of Port Stan-ley. Between 500 and 600 men were on board, including Welsh Guards and Royal Marines, waiting to go ashore. Sir Tristram was believed to have been hit by rocket and cannon fire. Both ships were abandoned rapidly and flames from the vessels lit up the night sky.

some screaming in agony, were stretchered to a field hospital and then flown back by a continuous shuttle of helicopiers to the established medical centre at San Carlos Bay. Many are likely to be trans-ferred to the hospital ship Uganda. For hours after the raid survivors, many still dressed in white anti-flash clothes and luminous orange survival suits, wandered around the sentement, dazed by the suddenness of the One stunned group of Welsh Guards, their hair singed in the blaze on board Sir Gala-

had, hastily built a peat shelter. They were unusually subdued as their names were checked. Children from the settlement, apparently oblivious to the air threat, handed them jugs of hot tea. The guardsmen described how they escaped from the burning ship and how one man was dragged up on deck with his clothes on fire. One man quietly left the shelter and was sick behind a lence

One crew survivor. Andrew Pillinger, aged 28, a Second Radio Officer from Bath, said: "There was no warning. I was on the flight deck and the first thing I heard was jets coming over and then the bombs ... Two hit us, may be three, I went back to my cabin, but the smoke was very thick and I had to feel my way down the corridor. People were screaming, trapped in their rooms. People were in agony. There was mangled wreckage in the corridor. I must have been very lucky."

The ship's purser, John Hood, aged 27, from Renfrew-shire, said: "I was in the office and felt two thuds, as if someone was slamming waterout. There were screams and thick black smoke. I was amidships and had time to get back to my cabin and grab the ship's papers before running up to

Latest wills

SLAMET BRATANATA

they said.

Lady Annie Emily Malabar, of London SW 1, left estate valued at E2.133.245 ner. She directed her trustees to establish the Jack and Pat Mallabar Charitable Foundation and left the foundation [1,000,000. After some personal bequests she left 3 per cent of the residue for £15,000 whichever be are hand order from the help of the last two last from the help of the help of the last two last from the help of the last two last from the help of the last from the las less) each to the Carlton Club, london, the RNLI, Llangotten Cottage Hospital, Clwyd, and the Fitzroy Nuffield Hospital, London W1; and the balance to the charitable foundation.

Martine of a treat from the state of the state of a treat from the state of the sta Mrs Nora Marjorie Abbatt, of Summertown, Oxford, the toy maker and pioneer of the concept of learning through play, left estate valued at £422,184 net.

Vice-Admiral Sir Norman Eric Dakon, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfortishire, engineer-in-chief of the Fleet 1957-9, and director-general of training 1959-60. left estate valued at £182,803 net. to the fact a minute of a case to an analysis of a case of a case

The Right Rev Philip William

Yorkshire, honorary assistant Bishop of Wakefield and formerly of Worcester, and former Bishop of Kimberly and Kuruman, South Africa, left estate valued at E664,468 net.

Col Martin John Grafton, of Urchfont, Devizes, Wiltshire, director-general of the National Federation of Building Trades Employers 1964-79, and a greatnephew of the composer Edward Elgar, left estate valued at

£104,148 net. Rear Admiral William Kenneth Weston, of Hartley Wintney, Hampshire, chief engineering officer on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief Plymouth 1954-8, left estate valued at £152,735 net. His wife Mrs Mary Ursula Weston left estate valued at

Other estates include (net, before Mr Harold Rupert Thomas, of London SW 12E1.602.364.

Wheeldon, of Brighouse, West

THE Vatican has called on Roman Catholic bishops to denounce any publications which "harm correct faith or good morals". A document signed by Car-

dinal Joseph Ratzinger, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, says 'erroneous ideas" are becoming ever more widespread because of the media, particularly through books. Cardinal Ratzinger re-

minds the bishops of their powers to exert censorship and apply "administrative and penal sanctions" where necessary. He says they have an obligation not to offer for sale in their churches "publications which deal with ques-

tions of religion or morals the integrity of the faith and and have not received the als and due respect for the permission or approval of bishops". The congregation

Rome attacks 'immoral' books

church authority". The main aim of the document is to remind secular priests and members of religious orders of canon law regarding writing and publishing. The document, however, says all the "Christian faithful" in the publishing

trade have "a proper and particular responsibility for the promotion of sound doctrine and good morals". It says the norms of canon law guarantee freedom for all, including Catholic jour-

nalists, whom it says have the

right "to communicate their

thought while maintaining

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT the church's reaching on mor-

> under which journalists labour, the document says. Cardinal Ratzinger does not mention specific cases, but the document represents growing irritation in the Vatican at attacks by Catholics on issues such as celibacy and contraception.

knows of the difficulties

A spokesman for the Catholic church in England and Wales said much of the document was addressed to Catholic publishing houses. It was more likely to be aimed at Catholics on the Continent

University news

The following honorary degrees will be conferred next month: D.Litt: Mrs Joan Fitch, former governor of Charlotte Mason College, Ambleside, the Rt Rev Brian Foley, former Roman Catholic Bishop of Lancaster. D.Sc: Dame Kathleen Ollerenshaw, Deputy Pro-Chancellor of the university.

M.Sc. Mr Reginald Kaye. au-

thority on ferres. The following to be conferred in December: D.Mus: Sir Edward Downes,

musicologist.

D.Sc. Mr F. Hugh Howorth, for work on elimination of infection during surgery. Stirling

Richard Johnstone has been ap-pointed to a university chair in education. Professor Johnstone is director of the Scottish Centre for Language Teaching and Re-search and director of the univer-sity's initial teacher education

PC's widow appeals for help to find his killers

By Paul Wilkinson

the father he had."

ents for their son.

FIONA Goodman, the widow of the special constable murdered by Irish gunmen last Sunday, spoke yesterday about her husband and their shared love of their baby son,

At an emotional press con-ference in York, Mrs Good-man, 32, talked of her pride in her husband's resolve to serve the community, his delight in their son, and the ruthlessness of the killers.

Glenn Goodman, 37, died in hospital after he and his colleague, Alexander Kelly, 32. a constable with the North Yorkshire force, were shot several times by two men in a car they had stopped to question. Mrs Goodman, a former RAF nurse, disclosed that her husband had been due to finish his shift two hours before the incident, but had stayed on to help.

She would remember him as an extrover, "with a crazy sense of humour, who was always making people laugh". She said he abhorred violence "and often spoke about what a terrible world it was in which to bring up children. Just after Tom was born, he decided to join the Specials to give something back to the community. He had to contribute something to reduce violence.

She appealed for help in catching the gunmen. "They cannot be allowed to remain free to destroy lives and deprive little boys of their fathers." she said.

She had been "totally overwhelmed by the kindness, care and support which I have received in the past few days. There are many kind people in this country. It really saddens me that there are a few who can ruin things for everyone, and ruthlessly murder a man just doing a job."

Mrs Goodman, controlled but with a voice breaking with emotion, went on: "How do you feel about someone who cold-bloodedly murders your husband, and deprives your child of a father to grow up with?"

She said that when the time was right she would tell their son "exactly what his father had stood for, and how he had died. I will keep a scrapbook for him to see, so that when children ask him why he hasn't got a father, he can evenings rolling up their trou-



Brave face: Fiona Goodman, the widow of Glenn Goodman, the policeman killed by gunmen near Leeds on Sunday, at a press conference yesterday

Masons open doors to public

AN ALIEN walking into London's Earls Court arena yesterday to watch the 275th anniversary Masonic celebra-tions of the United Grand Lodge of England might have assumed that the 12,000 men dressed in blue or maroon aprons had been hurriedly called away from washing the dishes to attend the ceremony.

shire assistant chief consta-

ble, said a fund had been set

up for the officers' families.

Donations should be sent to:

Barclays Bank, Northaller-

ton. North Yorkshire.

Earls Count is normally home to rock bands and annually the Royal Tournament. For those who can let their imagination run a little, the stadium yesterday was turned into King Solomon's Temple and opened to the press and a few hundred women. This unprecedented peep was an attempt to persuade the non-Masonic public that Masonry is more than "fairly harmless eccentrici-

ty", as the Archbishop of York described it in 1987, but less than a sinister and secret tribe of men who spend whole

Any romantic who might have looked for a touch of magic, mystery or even mayhem at the Earls Court celebrations of Masonry would have been sadly disappointed, Joe Joseph writes

ser legs before lining each other up with lucrative busi-

But anyone hoping to dis-cover the magic of Masonry, the spark that fires six million men around the world, would not have found it at Earls Court. Any television crew which had come hoping to see throats being cut across and tongues being torn out by the roots and buried in the sands of the sea at low water mark would have been dis-From what the public were

allowed to see yesterday you would conclude only that Masonry involved a lot of standing up and sitting down, several long speeches and the transaction of "business" that sounded like a rather formal

board meeting of a provincial radiator-valve manufacturer: minutes, election of auditors, board of general purposes' report, notice of motion, and so on. There were long, slow processions of genial masons from 84 Grand Lodges around the world, but no obvious surprises. Celebrity watchers hoping to spot Frank Sinatra or Michael Jackson went home with their

hopes dashed. Brother Edgar Darling, Grandmaster of the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachuseus, said in his speech that Masons were movers and shakers, dream-

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ers and makers". This is probably true, but it was difficult to tell why on yesterday's showing.

The Grand Master, the Duke of Kent, told the assembly that "people who are not Masons have a legitimate in-terest in our affairs and we can and do respond sensibly to that interest". He added that: "If occasionally people can see that our normal business is as we describe it, they may be persuaded to shed whatever unreasonable worries they still have."

A clutch of charity announcements underlined the help that Masons provide for those in need, but otherwise there was not much of a journey from darkness into light. Then again, it was not supposed to be a recruitment

At 6pm, when it was all over, the Masons raced for the Earls Coun bars. So maybe they are not that different from rock fans after all.

Libyan press attacks Gaddafi

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER

THE Libyan press yesterday launched an unprecedented attack on Colonel Gaddali for isolating Libya from the Arab world and pursuing the "mirage" of Arab unity.

But there are times in the Middle East when all is not what it seems. Was this really an act of defiance, or did the Libyan leader organise the attacks himself to prepare the ground for a dramatic change of tack over Libya's refusal to hand over the two Lockerbie airliner bombing suspects for trial in the West?

The savage language used in an editorial in the weekly Al Jamahiriya and reprinted on the front page of Al Fajir Al Jadid, the only Libyan daily, demonstrates the growing internal chaos in Libya caused by United Nations' sanctions imposed on April 15 and the failure of the Arab world to resist them. "We will not follow the mirage with you this time. If this is your pan-Arabism, then go to it alone, wherever you wish." the anti-Gaddafi editorial

There was no atmosphere of tension in Tripoli, indicating that the well synchronised attacks on Colonel Gaddafi were not unexpected. A senior editor at Jana, the official news agency, said cryptically:
"The leader may well have wanted to know of this criticism against him."

Al Jamahiriya attacked the Arab reaction to sanctions and said in a message clearly addressed to Colone! Gaddali: "You pushed us to confront the West. So we confronted them, but your Arabs ignored us. They surrendered, kissed the flags of the enemies and even kissed their

The attack came only hours after a claim that a revolutionary group had taken over Jana and expelled its director. But a visit to its seedy seafront headquarters revealed this was also part of a wellplanned campaign to blame the Arab world for Libya's plight. Western journalists were welcomed with sweet coffee and sympathetic

officials. Rumours of a coup were rapidly followed by a conviction that, under growing pressure from sanctions. Colonel Gaddafi had turned to self-criticism as a method of preserving the grip on power which he has maintained for

Political sketch

Bowing low to a pillar of state

President Jean Bokassa. He ruled a country called the Central African Republic, with only one real town (Bangui), no roads to speak of, a few dismal huts, and many trees.

Not long after coming to

power, it occurred to Bo-

kassa that his position

lacked status, considering his merits. So he renamed his country the Central African Empire and had himself crowned emperor. The coronation, planned and supervised personally by Bokassa, was based on that of his hero, Napoleon. It was by all accounts a magnificent ceremony. His small son, the heir to the imperial throne, was drawn through the potholed streets of Bangui in a golden carriage shaped like an eagle and pulled by six white horses. The coronation consumed one quarter of the nation's gross do-

mestic product. Arriving at the Commons for industry questions and finding this item replaced by an event called "Questions to the President of the Board of Trade," I guessed at once. Sometimes a man is just too big for his office. Something has to give. If the man will not contract, the office must expand.

Nevertheless there was bewilderment among MPs as to what the Board of Trade was. Keith Hampson (C. Leeds NW) asked whether this mysterious body might meet, so that we could see it?

The President rose. shook his majestic blond mane, and said: "The Board of Trade has not actually met for many decades, except for a celebratory occasion to commemorate 200 years of success. If it were to meet," he added, "it would be at-tended by the Archbishop of Canterbury ...

Further clues to the President's unfolding plans came thick and fast. A ju-nior minister. Edward Leigh, announced that his supremo was not just President of the Board of Trade: soon, when Britain assumes the EC presidency. he is to become President of the European Trade and Industry Council, too. The question arose (though none dared ask it whether the President is to be referred to in the singular or the plural; and whether, when he is speaking in both

his presidential capacities.

he, or they, will refer to

It was plain that the President is not, in the ordinary sense, a cabinet minister at all, but a pillar of the state, the holder of a great and ancient seal a key part of the constitution. Ordinary jobs like home secretary, or prime minister, sound vulgar, worksday, by comparison. And why was he only wearing a lounge suit? A uniform should be de-

signed, with epaulettes, In keeping with his new dignity, the President did not actually speak yesterday - no more, anyway, than a few words, mostly describing his office. He was simply a presence on the bench: his lieutenants. the junior ministers. fussing around him with pencils, files and civil service briefs, and answering the tiresome auestions that come from backbench drones. In answer to one complaint. Richard Needham (a minister) actually gave a Labour MP (Newport's Paul Flynn) his telephone number! Can you imagine the President doing that?

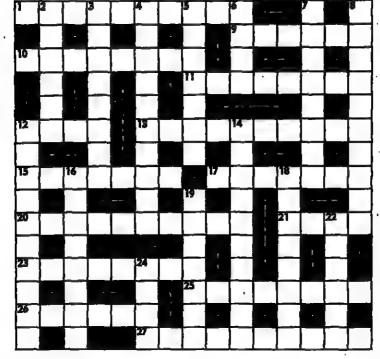
Towards Needham, however, there were signs of a dawning recognition that a prince's coterie are themselves princelings. One of Needham's backbench comrades, Henry Belling-ham (C, Norfolk NW), possibly remembering that Needham's father had been an Irish earl, referred to him as "my noble friend" and congratulated him on his new job. Mr Needham has never asked to be called noble, but now his boss is the President, perhaps he should?

Perhaps, too, they should all have new titles? Edward Leigh, who has always had a Nanki-Poo look. could be Lord High Privatiser. The solicitous Tim Sainsbury, whose manner is more "Are You Being Served, Sir?", could be the Victualler-in-Chief. while for Neil Hamilton, newly from the whips' office and a natural Ton-Ton Macoute. dark glasses would say it

As I left, John Bowis (C. Battersea) was asking about "trade in artefacts of torture". Lord Needham began a list: "leg irons, shackles, gang-chains ... Across the President's august features, the beginning — just the beginning — of an interested smile rippled, and was gone.

MATTHEW PARRIS

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,942



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much on (8). 19 Run away from these French swindles (7). 22 Shareholders' interest in union

24 It's black in Kentucky (4).

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WORD WATCHER By Philip Howard

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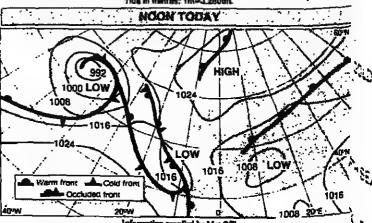
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institutional pressure to get into shape and the ability of John Clark, the chief executive of BET, as a corporate surgeon have helped counter recession and too rapid expansion Page 25

EXTRA PINT

Northern Foods, which delivers almost a quarter of the milk sold in England and Wales, is confident of progress Tempus, Page 24

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Amersham

Withdrawing from waste disposal cost Amersham International, the health sciences group, £9.6 million

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SALE DELAYED

Administrators say MMC referral of two British bids for British International Helicopters is hampering the recovery of Maxwell funds. Page 23

TAX BENEFITS



Despite the recession, accountants are enjoying tax work, Robert Bruce

a surprising boost from Page 31

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BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL

Bank asks High Court to decide ownership of £20m stake

Disputed shares used to obtain Maxwell loan

BY NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

KEVIN Maxwell arranged a \$27.3 million loan from National Westminster Bank two days after his father died last November, using shares that are now being claimed by the Maxwell

pension funds as security. NatWest yesterday con-firmed that it is asking the High Court to decide the ownership of a £20 million stake in Teva Pharmaceutical, an Israeli company. The bank is holding the stake as security for a loan to Robert Maxwell Group, the Maxwell

family's main private company, which is now in admin-The bank said that it was

Kevin Maxwell who arranged the loan, not his father as was previously believed. Senior banking sources said last night that Kevin

Maxwell had approached the bank within hours of his father's death and had asked for the loan to meet interest payments on other debts owed by the private company. Robson Rhodes, the liqui-

dator of Bishopsgate Investment Management, the manager of the Maxwell pen-

Watchdog examines Bishopsgate report

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

THE Securities and Investments Board is considering the implications of a new report into the Maxwell private companies, which details the SIB's shortcomings in handling Bishopsgate Investment Management, the Maxwell fund manager. More than £400 million

was plundered from the pension funds by Robert Maxwell while the regulator was supervising BIM.

It is uncertain whether the board will publish the report. prepared by the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation, for fear of legal action from parties men-tioned. It could, however, be published with parliamentary protection by the Treasury. which now has responsibility for the financial services industry, or submitted to the independent enquiry on pensions announced by Peter Lilley, the social security sec-

retary, this week. Before that can happen. \$1B has to decide whether the

report is a fair appraisal of the events. The report is critical of the way Imro handled BIM and also points the finger at the trade department which licensed BIM just three days before the Financial Services Act came into operation. SIB may also want to suggest regulatory changes to tighten up the supervision of such funds.

The licensing by the trade department was identified by Larry Trachtenberg of London & Bishopsgate in a memo to Kevin Maxwell as an..important factor in strengthening its Imro appli-

Imro was criticised by the parliamentary select commit-tee investigating pension reform earlier this year for its lax vetting of applicants and its lack of supervision. It made one visit to BIM in November 1990.

The regulator admitted at the time of the parliamentary hearing that it had no experience of the investment houses

sion funds, claims that the shares are part of the assets missing from the pension A statement from NatWest,

however, said the bank had not seen any conclusive evidence that the shares belonged to the pension funds. It said they were also being claimed by Arthur Andersen, the administrator of RMG.

NatWest said it took the shares as security for the loan in good faith and received written assurances that the shares were beneficially

owned by the company.

The bank said that it was trying to accelerate the legal debate over the ownership. because of understandable concern for the plight of Maxwell pensioners.

NatWest has pledged to return the shares to the the pension fund if the court rules that they belong to it. If there is any doubt over ownership. however, it will continue to hold them as security for the

Until now, NatWest has insisted that it is the rightful owner of the shares under the loan agreement it signed with RMG. The softening of its stand is a victory for the pensioners in their light to recover the missing assets, provided Robson Rhodes can now prove that the fund owns the Teva stake.

John Melbourn, an executive director at Natwest, said yesterday: "We felt that this was a sensible way of accelerating the process and I am glad to say that the other ciaimants agree with us. We hope the court will resolve this matter as soon as possible."

Neil Cooper, a partner at Robson Rhodes, said: "I believe I have shown conclusive evidence that the Teva shares are properly the property of the pension fund.

I had been hoping to resolve the issue without the need for litigation, to contain



Fast mover: Kevin Maxwell went to NatWest within hours of his father's death

Racal to demerge Chubb

RACAL Electronics is going ahead with its plans to demerge Chubb, the most famous name in locks and security systems, in the autumn.

Proposals will be finalised in September and shares in the newly separated company, which is to be named Chubb Security, will be handed free to Racal shareholders in October.

Chubb increased operating profits almost 20 per cent to £53.8 million in the year to end-March on rumover only modestly higher at £670 million. Analysts were suggesting yesterday that Chubb could have a stand-alone value of £650-700 million when its shares are listed.

The demerger is part of a process to enhance shareholder value by Racal, which last year handed back to its shareholders an 80 per cent stake in Vodasone, the cellu-

lar phone company. Sir Ernest Harrison, Racal chairman, will become chairman of the demerged group whose board will include two new non-executive directors. They are Sir Colin Corness. chairman of Redland, the building materials group. and Michael Blackburn, former chairman of Touche Ross, the accountancy firm.

Confirmation of the Chubb plan came yesterday along with better than expected Racal results for the year. Operating profits were £103 million and pre-tax profits were £55.6 million, topping forecasts of £100 million and £50 million made during the unsuccessful hostile takeover bid for Racal last autumn from Williams Holdings. Racal shares closed as

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£1.61 billion were only 3.6 per cent higher. However, the group swung back sharply into profit from the loss of £21.8 million recorded last year. The recovery was due mainly to cost cutting, rationalisation, reduction in borrowings and tighter controls on working capital.

Analysts were impressed with the substantial reduction in borrowings from a net £225 million last time to £121 million at the year end. This contributed to lower interest

charges of £17.7 million against £37.5 million previously. Racal managed its recovery without cutting research and development spending, which rose to £76.2 million compared with £72.8

Earnings per share rose to 2.3p after a loss per share of 2.01p. A final dividend of 0.7p per share is proposed making a total for the year of l p net.

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TI wins battle for Dowty

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

TI GROUP yesterday swept to victory in its £510 million bid battle for Down Group. becoming one of the too ten specialist engineering groups in Europe and number two in

The acceptance level of TI's offer of eight T1 shares for 15 Dowty, or 174.67p a share in eash for each Down share. reached the 55.43 per cent level by the Ipm deadline. and by close of business had risen to 60.23 per cent. The offer has been declared unconditional.

Dowty last night said it was disappointed at the outcome of the takeover battle. The Dowty board was expected to have tendered its resignation last night, without prejudice to any compensation negotiations concerning loss of office.

TI, led by Christopher Lewinton as chairman and chief executive, and advised by Baring Brothers, said the takeover victory was sweet after a seven-week battle.

Mr Lewinton said what job losses there might be were more likely on the head office administrative side. He dismissed suggestions that the merger would lead to extensive redundancies. "This is a merger for growth, not for shrinkage." he said.

None of Down's directors have been offered a seat on the TI board. The first of a series of operational management meetings to develop strategy and direction for the merged group has been arranged for this morning.

Over the past five years, TI's market capitalisation has risen from £330 million to over £1,1 billion. TI shares closed last night unchanged at 234p. TI is now poised to be included in the FTSE

The general City view was that Dowty was too slow in its defence tactics, and that the hearts and minds of the majority of Dowty's shareholders had already been won by the Ti camp.

sources will be put behind Dowty's aerospace and polymer engineering interests. The information technology division will be sold. Baring Brothers "already has a list of potential buyers". An announcement could be made within 45 days.

Chairman's son stands down

By MARTIN WALLER

pre-tax loss of £26.8 million.

against profits of £11.1 mil-

lion last time, and there is no

REGALIAN Properties, bestknown for its Docklands residential property developments and the as yet unsold Kensington Palace Gardens close to the Prince of Wales's home, has revealed fresh wounds inflicted by the tottering property market and had its accounts qualified by the auditors.

A £32.9 million exceptional item to reflect "dramatic" falls in property values over

Lee Goldstone, managing director and son of the chairman, David Goldstone, is standing down, although he continues as a non-executive director. Regalian has failed to sell the Kensington Palace

final dividend.

development, described by the chairman as a "source of

New wounds: Lee (left) and David Goldstone

disappointment for the grthe year to end-March left a to a single developer oup, and is now seeking purchasers for the individual flats. Some property observers fear that, given the huge car-

rying costs on the development, which once had a pricetag of £117 million, Regalian facing a loss — even if all the flats can be sold at the expected price. Ernst & Young, the auditors, have been unable to confirm the management's view of the value of some of the properties, or form an opinion of the timing of proposed sales. Regalian's shares plunged 7p to a new low of 15p.

The chairman defended

the company's prospects, saying: "The difficulty the market has is seeing the difference between the dead, the dying and the merely wounded. We come into the latter category.



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Both GrandMet hats in the ring

BY ANGELA MACKAY

SIR Allen Sheppard, Grand Metropolitan's chief, was frank when put on the spot at the CBI's conference on corporate governance yesterday. Why did Sir Allen choose to wear two hats - those of chairman and chief executive - when his company prided itself on strict adherance to the principles of good corporate governance?

Well, Sir Allen said, he asked Sir John Harvey Jones to be chairman but he did not have the time so Sir John became a non-executive director and "because it was right at that time in Grand Metropolitan's history". Sir Allen assumed

The Cadbury report into the financial aspects of corporate governance, released last month, recommended the headgear be worn by two people, but did not say this should be mandatory. Sir Allen conceded: "We made sure

there were plenty of checks and bal-

ances, but I agree that the roles ideally should be split." Sir Allen's presentation was, according to general consensus, the most entertaining and the most relevant at an event that was designed to air corporate opinion on the Cadbury report. His was a blue print on how GrandMet applied corporate governance and many of the 100 or so people in the room took copious notes on how Sir Allen applied his "vision statement" on a daily basis.

Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, hoped corporate governance was not a simple fashion statement that would, like all things fashionable, fall out of favour next season. He said Britain's system suited "our temperament and history", but had become "sloppy". He knew that "anything went" in a bull market but hoped adopting the recommendations of the Cadbury report would yield divi-dends that would hold even in the good times. However, he did not identify

what part the central bank might play in the application of good governance. Nobody, including the government's

representative. Neil Hamilton. the corporate affairs minister, wanted legislation to supplant a code of practice because the principles of "openness, integrity and accountability" were best served by a voluntary code. If that failed, institutional investors threatened to use their clout while the stock exchange promised to delist unco-operative firms.

Bursen-Marsteller, the communications firm, was not so sure. Its research showed that responsibility for enforcement was of great concern to fund managers and audit partners alike. One survey respondent said "delisting at the stock exchange is like using a nuclear weapon . . . it will never be used".

if all companies had a chairman like Sir Allen it would be much easier for everyone. He compared his management of the board to being a lion tamer

Amersham thrives despite costs

AMERSHAM International the health science group, had to absorb additional costs in securing isotopes from Russian and Canadian sources in the year to the end of March in order to replace those previously bought from Harwell, but was still able to achieve a 34 per cent advance in 1992 pre-tax profits.

The group has changed its accounting policy, which knocks £1 million off 1991 profits, and which involved a further £1 million provision in its 1992 financial year to cater for the longer term costs of disposing of radioactive waste.

Amersham's overall provision for eventual waste disposal costs of £9.6 million has been accounted for through the balance sheet.

Bill Castell. Amersham's chief executive, acknowledged that the group's task was to direct a higher proportion of products from its core life science division from the scientific world to the world of

pharmaceuticals, "We would aim to become the Tesco of the life sciences industries," Mr Castell said in outlining corporate ambitions.

Pre-tax profits in the year to March rose from a restated £15.5 million to £20.7 million. on a turnover 13 per cent higher at £273.5 million. The final dividend rises to 8.8p a share (8.1p). making 12.5p a share for the year, covered 1.9 times by net earnings.

Group borrowings were reduced and the net interest charge fell from £4.2 million to £2.8 million, helped by the receipt of £47 million of deferred payment from Eastman Kodak from the earlier sale of Amerlite Diagnostics.

Of the group's operating profit of £23.5 million (£19.7 million, restated), life sciences contributed £20.9 million. Mr Castell gave a warning

that trading conditions re-main difficult in many of the regions in which Amersham



Profits looking up: Bill Castell, chief executive of Amersham International yesterday

Misco is offered for sale by parent

By Jon Ashworth

THE electronic and electrical distributor. parts Electrocomponents, has put its Misco computer supplies side up for sale after another difficult year. Pre-tax profits slipped 9.6 per cent to £49.9 million in the year to March 31 on sales down 4.9 per cent at £395.1 million. A final dividend of 5.1p (4.8p) makes 7p (6.6p).

The fall in sales was blamed

on the closure of the group's lighting companies last year. Sir Keith Bright, chairman, said trading conditions were the most difficult the group had experienced. Despite signs that the recession in the UK has reached bottom, he does not expect prospects to improve in the near term.

A strategic focus on RS, its main electrical components distribution business, had been rewarded with record profits. The recession had hit all other sectors but concentration on cash management had left the group debt-free. Operating profits at RS advanced slightly to £56.9 million (£56.5 million). Misco fell into a loss of £3 million before tax.

Corporate fraud reaches record

THE number of cases of corporate fraud where the missing funds exceed £100,000 rose by half in the first four months of this year, producing a record total of £269 million of missing funds, according to KPMG Peat Marwick's fraud barometer. Peat Marwick said that the number of fraud cases rose from 22 to 33 from January to April inclusive while the total amount at risk swelled from an average of £125 million - the previous four years' four-monthly average - to £269 million. In the year to April 30, the total amount defrauded or at risk soared from £197 million to

These figures do not include any of the alleged losses involving the Maxwell group of companies. Peat Marwick suggested that companies beware employees who live an extravagant lifestyle that could not be funded from their. salary; maintain strict internal controls and subject them to annual review and always check the credentials of anyone offering investment advice.

BCCI battle wages

CREDITORS who reject the \$1.7 billion deal struck by the liquidators of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International are not a "troublesome and vocal minority" spoiling for a fight", their QC, told the High Court pesterday. A plea by Touche Ross. BCCI's UK liquidators, for sanction of the deal was also opposed by the Depositors Protection Association, with claims of \$1 billion and the Faisal Islamic Bank, \$340 million. The hearing continues.

Daily Mail slips back

PRE-TAX profit at Daily Mail and General Trust, the newspaper publisher, slipped to £22.8 million (£23.9 million) on turnover of £326.7 million (£313.3 million) in the six months to March 31 as advertising revenues remained weak. There is an interim dividend of 3.2p (2.9p). Associated Newspapers, publisher of the Daily Mail, The Mail on Sunday and the London Evening Standard, increased trading profits.

Oriflame recovers

ORIFLAME International, the Swedish cosmetics group that is listed in London, has swung back from a gloomy 1990 by raising its pre-tax profits 10 per cent to £8.9 million in the year to end March. This compares with a 37 per cent fall in profits last time. Sales rose 17 per cent to £64.7 million. An unchanged final dividend of 8p maintains the total at 12p. In January, Oriflame paid up to £11.5 million for ACO Skin Care, Sweden's best-known skin-care brand.

J&FB profit drops

AN EXPENSIVE cost-reduction programme at Johnson & Firth Brown, the metals and engineering group, pushed profits lower in the half year to end-March. Pre-tax profits stipped to £3.3 million (£5 million) on turnover of £60.2 million (£60.8 million). The interim dividend stays at 1p. John Clay, the chairman, said that pressure on margins is "intense" and that steps had been taken to cut costs to

Stoy Hayward merges

STOY Hayward, Britain's tenth-largest firm of chartered accountants, is merging with Flurie & Co. ranked 20th, in a move to increase its presence in the South East. Finnie has a wide network of offices within the M25 belt. The enlarged firm will have 176 partners, 1,300 staff and annual fee income of more than £80 million. It will be known as Stoy

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Mental anguish cover

GENERAL Accident Insurance Co. a unit of General insurers must cover mental anguish verdicts against holders of comprehensive liability policies. A Manhattan woman sued General Accident her insures. sued General Accident, her insurer, after the company refused to pay \$400,000 damages awarded against her when she was sued by a tenant who had suffered insomnia and nervousness after the ceiling of his bedroom collapsed.

Kvaerner moves ahead

KVAERNER, the Norwegian offshore and shipbuilding group that owns Britain's last big commercial shipyard or the Clyde, made NKr424 million (£37.5 million) profits for the first four months of 1992 (NKr401 million). The company, whose shares are traded in London, gave the terms of its one-for-seven rights issue of 5.6 million new shares, fixing a subscription price for the previously announced issue at NKr175 for all share classes.

Water dividend up

NORTHUMBRIAN Water has raised its dividend for the year to end-March by 10.2 per cent to 20.5p, improving slightly on the 9.7 per cent rise in its interim payment. Sit Michael Straker, the chairman, said this was broadly in line with the increase envisaged when its price limits were set. Pre-tax profits recovered strongly after a 14 per cent dip in-1990-91, rising 30 per cent to £61.1 million on turnover up-22 per cent to £204 million. Comment, page 25...

Foreign activity limits Cape slide

By COLIN CAMPBELL

CAPE, manufacturer of fire protection products and construction-related materials, and 66.5 per cent owned by Charter Consolidated, limited the decline in 1992 operating profits to 14 per cent against the background of a deep recession in several of its markets.

Jeffrey Herbert, chairman. and Michael Farebrother. chief executive, said Cape had deliberately structured its activities in recent years in order to be less dependent on the British economy, and that 39 per cent of group turnover was now generated abroad - compared with 29 per cent of turnover in 1991, and 23 per cent of turnover in 1990.

Pre-tax profits in the year to end March totalled £13.6 million (£17.1 million) on a turnover that was 10 per cent higher at £202.9 million. Net cash balances at year end stood at £16.4 million (£21.7 million). The return on average capital employed was 26

per cent, compared with 32 per cent a year earlier. acquisitions in all markets, the directors said.

The group has re-opened its office in Kuwait and plans to open an office in China to ac, as a base for the promotion of Cape's fire protection products.

The company made its final exit from asbestos-related products three years ago, although an annual provision charged against profits for compensation for industrial" disease was likely to remain ? charge against profits for some years yet. The compensation charge against 1992 profits was £1.25 million,

down from £1.3 million. The final dividend is held at 7.5p a share making an unchanged total dividend of 10.5p a share, covered 1.5 times by net earnings of 17p a ... share.

Cape shares were unchanged at 223p.

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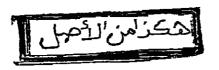
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Heseltine refers two rival bids for BIH

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

tributes the first state of the BIDS by Britain's two biggest North Sea helicopter operators for British International Helicopters (BIH), their smaller rival, have been referred to the monopolies

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Rival offers from a management consortium and Offshore Logistics, the American

group, escaped a reference.

BIH, which formed part of Robert Maxwell's group of private companies, was placed in administrative receivership last December. The company was offered for

High Court rules on swap deal

THE High Court ruled yesterday on which of the banks that face losses on interest rate swap deals with local authorities should pursue test actions in court. Mr Justice Hirst made his decision after the six cases previously chosen as "lead" actions with the aim of determining key issues - settled out of

Several dozen banks and a greater number of local authorities are involved in more than 200 outstanding swaps cases, which arose from a House of Lords ruling that swaps transactions, widely used by councils to maximise

their finances, were unlawful. The first of the new lead actions to come to court, on January 11 next year, will be or dividend sussaits. a claim for just over £5 million promotion makes by SG Warburg against to taken to the open of Birmingham City Council. The issue, common to every outstanding case, is whether claims for restitution by the

C 1116126 banks are sound in law. Should that case be settled in the meantime, the court will hear either the claim by Westdeutsche Landesbank

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Girozentrale against Islington Borough Council, north London, for £1.145 million. or that by Kleinwort Benson against Sandwell council. West Midlands, for just over £360,000. It is possible that

sale by the receiver, John Talbot of Arthur Andersen.

More than six bids are understood to have been made for the business. Only four were reviewed by the Office of Fair Trading. An Arthur Andersen spokesman could not say whether the administrator would proceed with the auction, or await the outcome

HAMBROS, the

merchant bank headed by John Keswick, chairman

(left) and Christopher

from its estate agency subsidiary. The final dividend is 9.6p, making

13.8p for the year.

Sporborg, his deputy, hinted that its inner reserves of the MMC investigation. However, Murdoch McKillop, one of the joint administrators, said the referwere more than £37 million. It said, however, that it would not reveal ral added to serious regulathem until the EC's tory hurdles faced by all the deadline in 1994. offers. "Today's DTI decision because of continuing will inevitably add to the un-certainty surrounding BIH's future," he said. "It will inevinternational regulatory requirements. Hambros itably have an adverse impact pre-tax profits to £74.4 million for the year to on the company's creditors." March 31, due to losses

Michael Heseltine, the trade secretary, referred bids from Bristow Helicopter Group and Bell Helicopters on the advice of Sir Gordon Borrie, director general of fair trading. Sir Gordon said he was concerned about any further concentration of ownership in helicopter services to the North Sea oil industry.

BIH, which is believed to have large debts to other Maxwell companies, is one of only three helicopter companies providing services to the North Sea oil industry worth £200 million a year.

The company has a key contract to provide services to Shell, the Anglo-Dutch oil company, and operates 16 long range and four short range machines from Aberdeen airport. Machines based in Penzance provide the only scheduled helicopter service to the Isles of Scilly. These are not covered by the

Bristow is the world's biggest helicopter operator. It is also the biggest operator in the North Sea, with 37 long range helicopters and 17 me-dium-sized machines. Bond Helicopters operates 10 longrange helicopters and 23 medium machines from Great

Yarmouth and Aberdeen. According to industry estimates, Bristow would control threequarters of the North Sea helicopter services market if it were to acquire BIH, while a purchase by Bond controlling half the market.

Louis-Dreyfus to leave Saatchi

BY MARTIN WALLER



Louis-Dreyfus: credited ROBERT Louis-Dreyfus. chief executive of Saatchi & Saatchi Company, the adver-The west of tising group, will stand down if the middle of next year in Comment part lawour of Charles Scott, curtrently chief operating officer. he told shareholders at yester-

day's annual meeting. M Louis-Dreyfus, who built up the world's second-largest market research group in America before joining

Saatchi, took up the post in January 1990. Maurice Saatchi, the chairman, said M Louis-Dreyfus had seen the job as a medium-term. challenge and was standing down as expected.

M Louis-Dreyfus replaced Mr Saatchi and his brother Charles as chief executive and is widely credited with the much-needed financial restructuring that followed. He told shareholders that so far 1992 had shown that the worst was over, although there was no real sign of an upturn in client spending and there remained many uncertainties about the pace of

world recovery. Average net debt for 1992 was expected to be about £200 million. "I continue to be confident that 1992 will mark the start of an improved performance by the group despite the outlook for little, if any, improvement in revenue," M Louis-Dreyfus said.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

ARSPRUNG (Fin) Pre-tax: £4.9m (£3.5m) EPS: 33.1p (£1.6p) Div: 4.87p, mkg 7.5p PORTER CHADBURN (Fin) Pre-tax: £5.6m (£5.3m) EPS: 5.2p (5.7p) Div: 1.65p, mkg 2.5p DANKA SYSTEMS (Fin) 1.Pre-tax: £11.7m (£9.4m) £PS: 29.3p (23.1p) Div: 2.5p, mkg-3.75p TAMS (JOHN) (Fin) Pre-tax: £1.64m (£2.88m) EPS: 4.92p (8.34p) Div: 2.41p, mkg 4p (4p) BALL (AH) (Fin)
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EPS: 10.19p (8.04p) Div: 4.8p, mkg 7p NEOTRONICS (Int) Pre-tex: £1.14m (£1.5m) EPS: 2.77p (4.05p) Div: 0.85p (0.8p) COMAC GROUP (Fin)
Pre-tax: £362,424
EPS: 4.05p (loss 0.75p)

interest to £130,000 (£907,000). Total dividend is 22% up on previous year's total.

Last year's results are restated. Last year's total dividend was 2.4p. Turnover was £132.4m (£111.7m). Company is now the secondlargest independent distributor of office equipment in America. Board reports "excellent and exciting prospects" for the bone china operation.

Last year's profits were £825,000. Total dividend last time was 6.75p. Cash in the bank is £1.8 million.

Board is confident of growth as important markets come out of recession. Some evidence of upturn in UK. Return to profit after loss of £34,853 last time. Balance sheet is strong and acquisitions are planned.



Bar sought on audit of own valuations By GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR

THE accounting institutes' joint ethics committee has recommended a company's auditors should not be permitted to audit specialist val-uations, including that of brand names, that had been made by the auditor or an associate, unless they are immaterial. The recommendation is a response to complaints that auditors promoted their own valuation services unfairly.

ommended guidelines for opinion shopping, where a company asks rival firms for a more favourable accounting interpretation of transactions than its own auditor favours. An accountancy firm asked for a second opinion by a firm that is not a client should only do so if it has contacted the auditors and has access to the same information. Otherwise, it should give only a generic opinion which is

lack of knowledge of the individual circumstances. The proposals, which were published yesterday for com-

ment before recommenda-tions are made to the member institutes, are the product of earlier consultation documents seeking asking for accountants' views. A new consultation document seeking views about the ethics of predatory pricing for auditing contracts, known among

was also published yesterday. Edwin Glasgow QC, chairman of the Financial Reporting Review Panel, which seeks to enforce accounting standards, says that all 240 of the quoted companies which failed to disclose whether their accounts were prepared in accordance with accounting standards have now agreed to do so after intervention by the panel.

Accountancy Times, page 31 per cent.

Aviation losses damage CE Heath

By Jonathan Prynn

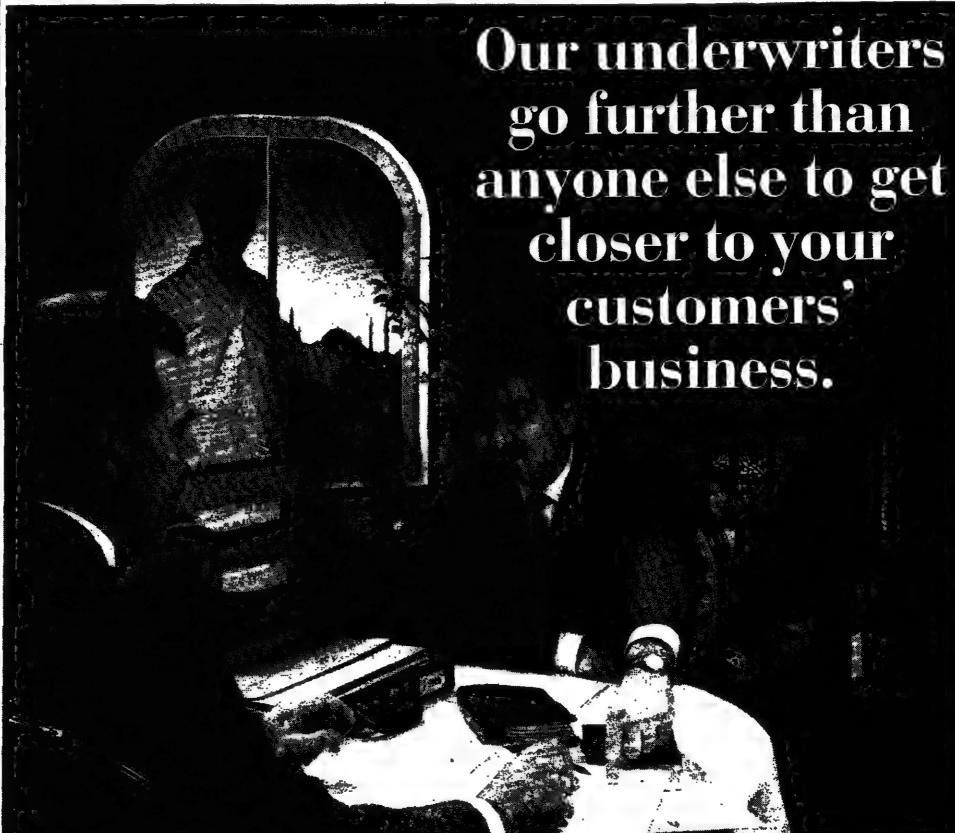
EXCEPTIONAL losses of £12.4 million arising from aviation underwriting have left pre-tax profits at CE Heath, the insurance broking group, 25 per cent lower at £19.1 million for the year to

CE Heath assumed the aviation underwriting losses when it floated 45 per cent of its Australian underwriting subsidiary, CE Heath Inter-national Holdings, on the Australian stock market in April. The aviation activities have been discontinued.

At the operating level, the group performed well, with insurance brokerage up 31 per cent to exceed the £100 million mark for the first time. After acquisitions, the underlying increase in bro-kerage was 13 per cent. The overseas broking subsidiaries all reported strong gains.

Pre-tax profits before ex-ceptional items rose 9 per cent to £31.5 million. The final dividend has been maintained at 18.375p, making an unchanged 25.875p.

The Australian flotation and the disposal of Pinnacle. the group's financial reinsurance subsidiary last year, has reduced gearing to below 30



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Quality reading in Hambros' loan book

to break down its figures and open its book to City observers in the late eighties, an-alysts have raised eyebrows alysts have raised eyebrows economic recovery boosts about the quality of its trade finance and reduces

At first glance, a large slice of its profits appears fragile. More than a third of the banking division's earnings come from capital markets Properties and treasury operations, much of it from volatile derivative products. One-off investment gains are also a regular feature and last year accounted for almost a sixth of group profits. The group is, meanwhile, weighed down by recurrent losses from its estate agent subsidiary.

Despite these weaknesses, Hambros has been one of the most robust banks in the City during the recession. Last year was no exception: pre-tax profits in the year to March 31 fell just 7.5 per cent to £74.4 million. despite a sharp rise in losses from a sharp rise in losses from the estate agency subsidiary. The group is increasing its final dividend to 9.6p, to make 13.8p for the year, an increase of 8 per cent.

The key to Hambros resilience has been the quality of its loan book. Bad debt provisions were only margin-ally higher at £13 million, a fraction of the £4.6 billion assets. Hambros specialises in high quality trade finance and solid asset finance, and has avoided danger areas such as property.

Earnings from derivative trading and realisations from investments are indeed fragile but here, too, Hambros' figures show remarkable uniformity. The £178 million investment portfolio carries an unrealised surplus of £16 million, while the group hopes to make an Eli million profit from the sale of

five unlisted investments. Lingering doubts about the bank are restraining the share price, currently 287p. On forecasts of pre-lax profp/e ratio of 11, while the prospective yield on a 14.8p dividend is 6.9 per cent. Not expensive, particularly if an losses in estate agency.

Regalian

JUST seven months ago David Goldstone, chairman of Regalian Properties, was able to say that the strength of his company's sales in the depths of the recession had surprised even him. Solic-itors were handling the sale of the trophy Kensington Palace Green development, and Regalian had just acquired 10 per cent of Frogmore Estates, emboldened by £20 million of shareholders' money raised in June's rights issue.

A full takeover did not seem far off and such a move would have transformed Regalian by injecting Frog-more's conservatively managed investment portfolio. The past seven months have brought a terrible change at Regalian. The Kensington sale fell through — for the third time — and the consequent lack of cash aborted any Frogmore bid. The Frogmore stake was sold recently at a £4 million loss, the trading position deter-orated further, and the company has put on hold almost all commercial and residen-

tial development.
Mr Goldstone and his team are left to contain the damage by selling out as the market allows and reducing debts of £130 million at a rate agreed with the banks to stay within covenants. Accounts for the year to end-March, showing £32.9 million of exceptional losses including £5 million from the collapse of Olympia & York and pre-tax losses of £26.8 million, have been qualified its of £85 million next year, by the auditors. They have the shares are trading on a questioned whether the nec-



A wholesome diet: Chris Haskins of Northern Foods is in a prime position

essary rate of property sales unable to value the one-off Kensington scheme.

The shares slipped 7p to a new low of 15p on the news; well below net asset value, but just how far below is a moot point in the absence of formal guidance from the auditors. Naresh Gudka at Smith New Court believes

break-even is about the best the company can hope for this year, with further provisions a possibility if disposals cannot take place at the expected prices. Highly speculative, at best.

Northern Foods SUPPLYING the major supermarket chains is an a phrase for — a licence to print money. Two fifths of everything Northern Foods produces ends up on the shelves at Sainsbury, Tesco. Safeway and Marks and Spencer, and it is the retailers' phenomenal success which has underpinned another year of

Northern Foods, under its chairman, Chris Haskins, appears to be everything Unigate aspires to be. The recent Express acquisition has given it prime position in the dairy market, where it lifted profits by a quarter.

Its convenience foods. which appear to break all minimum shelf-life records at M&S, turned in 35 per cent profits growth. Meat and frozen foods markets to earn 9 per cent more, and groceries surged by 21 per

Express Dairy and Eden Vale. acquired from Grand Metropolitan at the beginning of the year, contributed only £4 million to Northern's pre-tax total of £126.2 million, while dragging down average profit margins for the year. Two years is what management has given itself to transform their current 6 per cent return into the 10 per cent that Northern creams off its milk.

Knocking Express and Eden Vale into shape will cost £36 million, for which Northern is providing in these figures, but the group is also stepping up its capital spend all round, to £120 million this year. That means no early relief for a 72 per cent gearing figure, but it should be a different story after next March.

With so much fat to come out of the acquisitions savings of between £10 mil-lion and £15 million a year are projected — and a more wholesome milk regime to follow, once the expected legislation goes through, double-digit earnings growth should be no problem for the foresecable future.

David Atkinson at County NatWest looks for 42.9p a share from a pre-tax £165 million this year, leaving the shares, at 606p before the proposed split, on a reason-able multiple of 14.1.

Boost for Britain from EC rules on property Racing capital adequacy

FROM TOM WALKER IN STRASBOURG

SIR Leon Brittan, European Community competition commissioner, yesterday said he was "delighted" that one of the central planks in his plans for liberalised stock trading in the EC has been passed.

At about 3am yesterday morning, EC finance ministers meeting in Luxembourg reached a broad political agreement on new capital adequacy rules that should guarantee that small British merchant banks can carry on competing against large retail banks on the Continent for investment business.

Sir Leon said major objections from France and Germany had been overcome in drawing up the new rules, which are designed to prevent against financial collapse in the event of over-exposure. It took ministers nine hours of negotiations to reach final agreement.

Stockbrokers and banks will now have a ten-day "window" in which they may take on and trade shares valued at more than 25 per cent of their capital assets. France and Germany, used to their comparatively regulated markets. wanted strict rules preventing such a "window" but eventually gave in to pressure from Sir Leon and the Portuguese presidency.

After ten days the capital ratios will rise significantly. thus preventing long-term exposure from banks or independent trading houses. The new rules also give flexibility on the amount of subordinated debt that can be classified as capital for regulatory purposes, and gives banks, whose assets are principally illiquid. more room for manoeuvre.

The agreement also allows banks and stockbrokers to take repurchase agreements on to their trading books. The

ministers agreed a three-year revision period for the new rules, which probably will not come into effect from the start of next year because of their complexity: many details on foreign trading regulations and other aspects are still to be worked out.

Britain will be pleased with the new rules because small merchant banks will have the flexibility to continue taking on large blocks of shares on their trading books and passing them on quickly, or as least within the ten-day "window". The revision period will allow the EC to ensure that its rules fall in line with international stock trading and capi-

tal adequacy rules.

The British presidency of the EC can now concentrate on the other half of Sir Leon's plans for liberalised stock trading - the so called "investment passport" that would allow brokers equal access to stock markets across the Community. This is still a source of dispute between southern European "Club-Med" countries whose markets are protected and the liberalised trading cultures of Northern Europe, with markets such as London's screenbased SEAQ International



Billboard group must sell UK arm

By DEREK HARRIS

AVENIR Havas Media, Europe's largest poster advertising company, which is part of France's Havas advertising group, is to sell within 15 months its British subsidiary. Brunton Curtis Outdoor Advertising, whose takeover was Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Undertakings that the Brunton Curtis interests in 10 feet by 20 feet poster panels and bigger ones will be sold off have been given to Michael Heseltine, the trade secretary, by Havas, Avenir and Avenir's UK arm, Mills and Allen, which is one of Britain's biggest outdoor media businesses. Brunton Curtis, which was rescued from financial collapse, was also known as Dolphin.

Sources at Havas indicated that there was already some interest from "substantial parties" in buying the sites that are going up for sale. However, with advertising spending hit by recession, the Dolphin sites may not be so readily sold, a situation which is reflected in the comparatively long period agreed over which the sale can take place.

It would be open to Havas to ask for a longer period if circumstances were thought to justify it. The Dolphin deal had raised from 22 per cent to 33.8 per cent the Mills and Allen share of the 48 sheet market, the most common size for roadside poster sites.

The monopolies investiga-tion was the third into the market within ten years. When Mills and Allen was sold to Havas, the French company was ordered to sell some of its sites to reduce its market share and they were bought by Dolphin.

Some of the smaller players in the poster market may well be interested in the old Dolphin sites. Primesight and possibly the rather larger National Solus are the sort of size which might not attract a monopolies block

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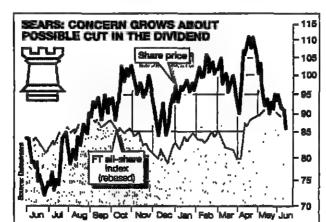
British Airways knocked as air fares war hots up

THE shares in British Airways went into a nosedive. falling 9p to 268p as fears grew that it is about to become embroiled in an escalation of the transatiantic air waged by American airlines. Dealers reported heavy seliing of the shares as more than 12 million changed hands in hectic trading. The flurry of activity in BA shares was all the more marked in view of the law volumes recorded elsewhere in the market.

Delta Airlines, the largest American airline serving Europe, fired the opening salvo in this latest skirmish between the airline operators by cutting the prices of its dearest "premium" seats by as much as 45 per cent. It was quickly matched by the rival United Airlines and later by Continental and American

The move by Delta caught the world's airline industry on the hop. In Zurich, Swissair said that it planned to cut the price of its transatiantic flights by up to 30 per cent in response to the news from America. City analysis fear that such an escalation of the price war may have serious repercussions for BA. Last night, brokers reported that institutional investors were switching from BA to BAA, up 19p at 695p, in the wake of the better than expected

trading news on Monday. Meanwhile, there was little for the rest of the equity market to cheer about, with prices suffering an early mark-down after the overnight setback on Wall Street. Shares later recovered some of their poise. helped by short-covering in the futures market, but trading conditions were described as thin and sensitive. After clawing back an opening fall of 8.3 points, the FT-SE 100 index rallied to achieve a gain of 11.6 points by midday. The index eventually closed



just 0.7 of a point higher at 2,636.1. with only 472 million shares traded.

Government securities enloved further selective support, with prices at the longer end closing £14 firmer. Dowty, the aerospace and

electronics group, climbed 15p to 190p, matching the terms from the TI Group, which declared its £520 million bid unconditional after receiving acceptances for 55.4 per cent of the shares. Only last week, TI snapped up 10 per cent of its prey in the marketplace after Dowty's shares slipped below the offer price.

firmer at 324p. The an-nouncement coincided with full-year figures, showing the group back in the black and exceeding the profit forecast of £50 million made at the time of the Williams bid. Pretax profits were £55.5 million against a loss last time of £21.8 million. Vodafone, floated by Racal last year, ran into profit-taking on the back of Tuesday's better than expected increase in full-year

figures and fell 3p to 367p. BT continued to reel from Oftel's tough pricing policy that will effectively reduce telephone charges. The shares finished 5p cheaper at

Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, says that the only way to make real money in the oil sector is by investing in a small exploration company that makes a big discovery, like Exploration Co of Louisiana. American investors are excited about XCL and its important new gas field in Louisiana. Henderson's Tony Alves believes that the shares are a strong buy at 75p.

Racal Electronics rose 54p to 694p as the group confirmed plans to demerge its Chubb security division in October. Shareholders are expected to be offered one new share in Chubb for every Racal share they hold. Racal promised to float Chubb last year as part of its defence against the unsuccessful bid from Williams Holdings, 2p 349p after the regulatory authority insisted that the new charges for next year be 712 per cent below the level of inflation.

Northern Foods responded to some better than expected figures with a rise of 14p to 605p. Pre-tax profits rose from £105.4 million to £126.2 million. The figures from Northern also started a

10p at 394p. UB shares dropped from 430p to 380p after the annual meeting at which the group issued a profits warning.
Sears, the Selfridges and

revival in United Biscuits, up

mail order group, was an early casualty, falling 5 12p to 86p on suggestions that UBS Phillips & Drew, the broker, was cautious about prospects and was forecasting a cut in the dividend for the current year from 5.3p to 3.5p. UBS is also believed to have reduced its forecast of pre-tax profits for this year by £10 million to £95 million because of continuing problems at

British Shoe. Lasmo, the oil exploration group that acquired Ultramar earlier this year, firmed 3p to 197p after being given a push by Hoare Govett, the broker. Dealings in Lasmo's shares begin today in Toronto and Montreal. The group has also received shareholders' approval for a public offer of its downstream activities.

Regalian, the struggling property developer, tumbled 7p to a low of 15p after issuing a heavily qualified set of accounts and cancelling the final dividend. The group has plunged into the red. recording a pre-tax loss of £26.8 million On Tuesday, Regalian sold

its 10 per cent stake in Frogmore Estates, which it had held for only six months. making a loss of about £4 million. Frogmore Estates rallied [3p to 28] p.
Shares in Graham Wood,

the structural steel specialist, were suspended at 16p at the company's request after the receivers went in at its Blight ished & White subsidiary. The company says its other divisions are unaffected, but the news comes at a sensitive time. Talks are continuing with bankers over refinancing. MICHAEL CLARK

Moody's downgrades BP firms

vestors Service said it downlong-term debt rating of the guaranteed subsidiary debt issued by British Petroleum. About \$8 billion of long-term

debt is affected. Moody's said: "The downgrade reflects the view that a generally weak oil price out-

NEW YORK - Moody's In- look, coupled with the ongoing pressures from deteriorgraded to A-1 from Aa-3 the ation in BP's refined product and chemical markets, will preclude an improvement in the company's cash flow and debt protection measures in the medium term."

Moody's said BP's options to manage its debt levels and financial flexibility in the me-

dium term included generating cash from selling noncore assets and from streamlining at the corporate and operating level.

"With BP's earnings under pressure, its cash flow and capital formation will continue to be stressed by common dividend requirements." it (Reuter)

Dow slips lower in

WORLD MARKET

morning trading

New York -- Blue chips fell the morning, but losses w limited by a lack of interes The Dow Jones industr average slipped 5.92 points vous before the May ret port, out today, as well as consumer price figures, of

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on Tuesday. Rising shares margina outnumbered falling share with 448 shares higher, 4 lower and 207 unchange The main rises were the banking, communications, miscellaneous manufacturing, rubber, electric power, service, non-ferrous metal, road transport, railway/bus and chemical sectors.

☐ Hong Kong — Prices ended lower after profit-taking emerged before the close to erase earlier gains. The bluechip Hang Seng index fin-ished down 22.69 points to 5.917.50, while the broaderbased Hong Kong index eased 13.98 points to 3.215.64. Turnover totalled HK\$3.84 billion (£270 million). against HK\$4.07 billion. Tuesday's

☐ Singapore — Prices finhigher across the board, led by strong blue-chip gains. The Straits Times industrial index rose 19.30 points to 1,511.41 on a volume of 51.46 million shares, against 26.62 million on Tuesday. Rising shares outnumbered falls by 165 to

☐ Sydney — Weakness in the banking sector saw the market trading at a loss all day after shares opened lower in line with falls in overseas markets. The all-ordinaries index closed 8.7 points down at 1.665.8.

☐ Frankfurt — Shares shook off declining prices in Tokyo and Wall Street and closed higher. The Dax index closed 3.50 points higher at 1,789.76 after falling to 1,776.95. (Reuter)

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Hard work pays off at Racal

nyone determined to find fault with Racal's full year figures might have focused on the £54 A million of extraordinary costs taken below the line. Instead, analysts and investors concentrated on more positive aspects of the results and enthusiastically chased Racal shares up by 7.5 per cent. Racal escaped against the odds from a hostile takeover attempt from the conglomerate Williams Holdings last November, largely on the strength of forecasts of £100 million operating profits and pre-tax income of £50 million. Neither target looked easy for a group which made substantial losses in the previous year, if profits of the demerged Vodasone are stripped out. but Racal managed to beat its targets in style, pre-tax profits stretching to £55.6 million and operating profits topping £103 million.

An eyebrow or two was raised by the inclusion of £19.1 million of losses and provisions for disposals and closures below the line, given that the Accounting Standards Board is attempting to limit severely the use of extraordinary items. The ASB has said, however, that it does not want a new accounting standard to be anticipated and, in any case, other smaller companies, such as Electrocomponents which also reported yesterday, are making bigger below the line charges.

There was nothing magic in the way Racal met its targets. None of its businesses has seen much in the way of growth. The uniformly positive divisional results were won through hard work and good housekeeping; working capital has been squeezed. costs cut and operations rationalised. This spring cleaning will work to Racal's advantage. A further strong profit recovery does not depend on volume gains or hopes of an end to recession. This year the group should make well over £100 million pre-tax. thanks mainly to more good housekeeping, much lower above the line exceptional charges, loss elimination and the benefits of the lower cost base achieved last year. County Natwest's Patrick Wellington is looking for £115 million before tax giving earnings of 5.1p per share and a handsome 70 per cent dividend rise to 1.7p per share.

The demerger of the Chubb security interests seems on track and should keep the shares firm through the summer. Having returned to basics after recent distractions, management can expect the shares, which trade at little more than an average market rating, to be rewarded with something better.

Water into waste

Torthumbrian Water is one of the smaller privatised groups but its long-term strategic problem is typical. There is little growth in demand in its region and after the 1994 price review trims returns and transfers efficiency gains to customers, it will not be able to maintain 5 per cent real dividend increases from its utility operations. Diversification is not an easy way to reduce dependency on the core business for a company with limited funds. Building non-core turnover is one thing. Developing significant profits is harder. Much of its water charges are to pay for capital spending rather than running costs, so margins there are high.

Northumbrian has separated functions such as laboratories and bought a varied clutch of small related businesses, which it aims to weld into a waste and land reclamation division. Sales to third parties are, however, still running at only about £26 million, against utility income of £173 million, and profits will not be significant by 1995, when takeover protection is over. The shares now yield less than 6 per cent in dividend but sell at only 5.5 times earnings, so Northumbrian would become vulnerable to a conglomerate bidding for cheap earnings unless it can tell a convincing story to boost its rating.

American company surgeon puts ailing BET under the scalpel

The way L. John Clark is turning round a

conglomerate that had lost its way is a lesson

in corporate get-fit, reports William Kay

n Monday, the investment community will hear the latest bulletin on one of the corporate intensive care ward's more unnecessary patients: BET, the support services company which embraces Initial towel rental, Shorrock security, scaffolding, crane hire, employment agencies, Boulton & Paul windows and much else. Too many of these businesses were acquired too quickly for too much debt. Throw in a recession and you have the perfect recipe for indigestion.

BET was founded early this century by a German businessman, Emile Garcke, as British Electric Traction and became a big bus operator. Garcke recruited as a teenage assistant John Spencer Wills, who married Garcke's daughter and became managing director of BET in 1946.

Faced with the threat of nationalisation by the postwar Labour government, Mr Wills arranged to buy Rediffusion, a cable broadcasting company in the UK and overseas. That marked the start of BET's philosophy of diversification, into anything from publishing to aircraft training simulators. With Associated Newspapers, Rediffusion won the original commercial television franchise for London weekday pro-grammes. It sold its interest in Thames Television, the successor company, shortly before the franchise

By the time Sir John, as he became, retired as chairman in 1978, BET had lost momentum and become an illogical and stagnant conglomerate. His son Nicholas, who became managing director in 1982, started to sort this out by concentrating on the group's business services businesses, expanding them by acquisition and selling everything else.

The strategy was successful and much applauded in an age of contracting out, but went badly wrong at the start of the recession BET bought expensively before selling to raise the money and when the market for such businesses as double glazing turned sour, the company was left with unmanageable debts, few tangible assets, negative cash flow and a crisis of City confidence. Biffa, a core investment in waste services, had to be sold to raise cash.

for change. And it came in the tall and bulky shape of L. John Clark, a Florida-born management school graduate who cut his teeth at Singer, the sewing-machine company. It was at Singer some ten years ago that Mr Clark, now 50, first demonstrated his ability as a ruthless corporate surgeon. Based in London, within three years he turned round Singer's Europe, Africa and Middle East division from a \$33 million annual



Driving and driven: Clark made clear as soon as he arrived last April that he intended to lead the company from the front

loss to profits of \$27 million a year. He repeated the feat at Core-Mark International, an American consum-

er products group.

These credentials made him a headhunter's dream for the chief executive's job at BET, where he landed in April last year. As he walked through the door, he said: "I would be less than honest if I did not say that leadership from the front is one of my characteristics. I believe very strongly that one sets a management style by example.

Mr Clark's style has been 14-hour days, installing management controls and relentlessly hammering at costs. He has instituted US-style aphorisms such as "There are no staff here - all employees are operators and customer representatives", and 'I not only do not believe in, I will not

He came across some quaint local customs. As he confided to a business gathering in Atlanta, Georgia, recently: "When I attended my first BET board meeting, I found that the lunch afterwards lasted longer than the meeting itself. But I guess that is just the way things work in England. a midday appetite when they see the work schedules I have set out for them for the next year."

After 14 months in the job, Mr Clark pronounced himself satisfied with progress so far. "I have laid down a three-phase programme to restructure BET," he explained. "The first phase is organisation cost reduction and is all about attacking overhead expenses and flattening the organisation to ensure quicker verti-

cal communication and decisionmaking. The second phase is called total productivity. Processes are created that set the standards by which the business is judged and allow annual reviews to measure performance. Zero-based budgeting techniques are a key part of this phase and there is a detailed look at how marketing. selling, administering and delivering what is promised to customers, happens. It's about organic growth, and historically BET has not been

The third phase is called customer focus and is the natural result of successful implementation of the first two phases. By then, the company should be a focused, entrepreneurial but integrated organisation, which is a quality and cost leader in each of the areas of its operations."

uch edicts give the flavour of the man: determined, logi-cal, driven, jealous of time and carrying an attitude that people are either for him or against. Managers are induced to bare their souls at so-called "prayer meetings" lasting two to four hours, at which solutions agreed. And the solution had better be working by the next prayer meeting.

The annual results announced on Monday will be hedged around with the write-offs normally associated with an incoming chief executive, particularly as BET will be one of the first big companies to report under more stringent accounting rules relating to acquisition goodwill. Nicholas Wills, who had moved up to become chairman, finally departed at the end of March.

At the interim stage, Mr Clark took a E90 million provision to sell unwanted businesses over the next two years. "More importantly," he said, "we put into the culture of the company the fact that the control of capital expenditure and working capital were part of the everyday part of being BET. If properly managed. business services have the capacity to earn fine returns and be cash generative, and I believe that if you have cash in the nineties, you can do anything you want to do."

Numbers apart, Mr Clark will be able to report that the patient is recovering. Phase one is complete, and last year's £425 million debt has been substantially reduced. Head office staff has been cut from 300 to 60. A management system is in place, so Mr Clark knows what is going on, and the arrival of a new finance director, Robert Mackenzie, in December heralded the installation of a thorough financial control system. He is being followed by new

heads of human resources, planning

development and marketing. into 110 profit centres, grouped into six lines of business: textile rental, cleaning, security, plant hire, distri-bution, personnel and a development division that handles catering, joinery products and a facilities management service. Total productivity year has just started at BET, and 1993-4 will be devoted to customer focus. Mr Clark's object is to turn BET from a holding company into a fast-growing operating company, based on con-

tracting out people and equipment to perform services. Last year Mr Clark drew up a list of activities that he decided had the potential to grow.

equisitions have been confined to crack-fillers that will help existing opera-tions. Although BET went into contract catering a year ago, Mr Clark was not tempted to join the recent auction for Gardner-Merchant, Forte's contract catering business. That was deemed too big. Nevertheless, BET claims to be Britain's biggest schools caterer, recently winning the contract for Kent Education Authority. It has similar commissions for Gloucestershire and Berkshire. The Conservative election victory was a blessing in promoting the contracting-out cause.

"We're looking at opportunities to take over large parts of activities in corporations that might want to get out of particular businesses like cleaning or catering," said Mr Clark. He wants to expand BET internationally. At present, its business is split 60:20:20 between the UK, continental Europe and America. By become 25:25:25; with east Asia as the fourth leg.

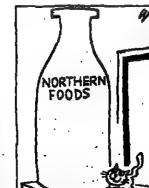
That will involve acquisitions. But this time, there will be a tight grip on the purse strings. If Mr Clark were to fall under a denationalised bus tomorrow, he would have left a lasting legacy. Apart from anything else, board meetings last considerably longer than they used to - and boardroom lunches are considerably

Frost over Slater

DESPITE the strained and far from discrete efforts of aumerous eavesdroppers, the only discernible topic of conversation from an animated but amicable discussion between Jim Slater, former head of one-time investment group Slater Walker Securities, and media impresario David Frost was, of all things, United Artists: The unlikely duo were spotted in deep conversation, beneath haloes of cigar smoke, at Christopher's restaurant in Covent Garden yesterday afternoon. According to sources seated at adjacent tables, it was Slater who appeared to be imparting all the information while Frost took copious notes throughout the meal, simultaneously smoking two large cigars, impervious to the withering looks from fellow pa-Firons. Wine was consumed only in moderation — insufficient to account for Frost's c growing excitement - and both men left the restaurant together without either apparently paying the bill. Subsequent enquiries by The Times bowever, reveal that the bill had been added to Frost's

Plane sailing

COUNTY NatWest's number one rated transport team is offering two bottles of champagne to the first six callers who can identify "relatively ex-actly" the five aircraft silhouetted on the cover of its new tome on the GPA flotation. Airline analyst Mark Coombs is giving away no clues except to say that all five are modern



Correct answers to Coombs or saleswoman Jane de la Rosa.

Hambros history THE item in yesterday's City Diary about Hambros, the merchant bank, flying the Danish flag outside its Tower Hill offices last Friday - to mark Danish Constitution Day and not as a sign of the Euro-affiliations of its senior executives - has caused a number of amateur City historians to telephone to explain the significance of Denmark to Hambros. "The Hambro family was originally called Levy and they came from a Danish town called Hambro," says one well-informed source. The name was changed before they moved to England."

ANOTHER City definition of an economist: someone who takes something that works in practice and wonders whether it will work in theory.

Heli headache

DID the Office of Fair Trading, declare an interest before recommending that the two rival bids for British International Helicopters, part of the collapsed Maxwell Communication Corp (MCC) be referred to the Monoplies and Mergers Commission? Its office in Bream Buildings, Holborn. overlooks the helicopter pad on top of nearby Maxwell House - one of only three such pads in central London - and, according to neighbours, has long been a source of incessant and intense ag-

Salomon tragedy planes currently in operation.

THE trading desk at Salomon Brothers has been in mourning this week following the sudden death of one of its young market makers at the weekend. Paul Wynne, aged 26, described by colleagues as extremely popular and very able, was found dead at his flat in Hitchin, Hertfordshire on Sunday after he failed to arrive for a golf tournament. He lived alone. "He started his City career in the settlement department at Wood Mackenzie, moved over to settlements at Salomon and we then put him on the front line, making markets, says his erstwhile boss, Ian Stephenson, now with Smith New Court. "He had flair and initiative — he was one of those people who had pulled himself up by his boot straps." Although a post mortem has not yet been carried out. Wynne is believed to have died after suffering a severe asthma attack. His funeral his expected to be held

CAROL LEONARD | Profits have not soared; rather

in his native Edinburgh.

where his parents still live.

Unfair share views not Wellcome

BUSINESS LETTERS

From Mr G. Maddrell Sir, We were concerned to read your piece "Wellcome offer puts price first" (June 5). In particular, we regret the comments attributed to Mr Banks of Robert Fleming. Wellcome's approach to

wider share ownership is wellknown. Its leading-edge commitment to employee share ownership on a worldwide scale is second to none. We cannot, therefore, believe that the comments attributed to Mr Banks reflect the views of Wellcome itself. The clear impression is that the chance of participation in a highly successful company, whose share price performance has been outstanding, is to be made difficult for the private

way to encourage private investors. Wellcome has demonstrated its commitment. If we are to achieve widespread personal share ownership, at sensible and economic levels, companies' advisers. no less than the companies themselves, must also commit to it.

If the comments have been accurately reported, they are to be deeply regretted. If they have been inaccurately conveyed, we hope that the advisers will take steps to put the record straight. Yours faithfully GEOFFREY MADDRELL Chief Executive.

ProShare (UK) Ltd. 13 & 14 Basinghall Street,

Morland's plight

From Ms V.H. Valentine Sir, Unlike institutions and individuals with large portfolios, small investors like myself take a genuine interest in "their" company. To see it fall prey to an unwelcome bidder truly hurts. With the government encouraging small investors, I responded by purchasing shares in a small. promising brewery -Morland, now the subject of a hostile bid from Greene King. My decision to reject

Greene King's offer will not. I believe, cause Simon Redman, chairman of Greene King, undue personal distress. That is a feeling reserved for those in sympathy with the plight facing the committed and successful managers of the country's second-oldest independent brewery. They are the team who, in

under six years, shook

Morland out of the eighteenth

century and set it firmly on

course for the twenty-first.

they have improved steadily. And they've done so without the disastrous levels of gearing that have undermined so many companies spurred by selfish greed rather than by responsible management. Gone will be a centuries-old

brewery. Gone will be over 100 jobs. Gone will be a range of superior traditional beers. And gone will be yet another chunk of treasured British heritage, the victim of greed and short-termism, the true 'British disease.'

As for being the "answer to Morland's problems", as the offer document says, Morland doesn't have problems. That's why it is so attractive to Greene King. Morland's management was "in discussions" looking to grow from a position of strength. It was not looking to be swallowed up lock, stock and barrelage by Greene King. Yours faithfully.

V. H. VALENTINE. Upper Farm House, Aston on Carrant, Nr Tewkesbury, Gloucs

Why depart from the present expenditure tax?

From Mr P.M. Greenwood Sir, I am glad to see from the

last sentence of Philip Chappell's letter (Business Letters, June 2) that he has at last been converted over the long term to preserving the present United Kingdom pensions tax-

His last sentence says: Another decade or so and we can move from ex-PEPs to the true goal of an expenditure tax

A prime advantage of the present UK pensions taxation system is the way in which it models an expenditure tax tax relief on contributions. freedom from tax on investment returns and tax when actual benefits are paid, that is, when expenditure is likely to be incurred.

Philip Chappell, for several years, has advocated a move to a system whereby pension contributions and investment income are taxed and benefits are tax free. This is the reverse of an expenditure tax. Philip Chappell is now aim-

ing to have the equivalent of the existing pension tax system in place in a "decade or so". In this case, why change away from it now?

Yours sincerely. PAUL GREENWOOD. William M. Mercer Fraser. 44/45 West Street, Chichester,

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Save where the context otherwise requires, expressions defined in the Listing Particulars shall have the same meanings when used herein.

GPA Group plc

(Incorporated in Ireland with limited liability under the Companies Act, 1963 with Registered No. 51950)

Public Offer

by

Schroders

In the Combined Offering being made in the U.K. and Ireland and elsewhere, up to 85,000,000 Ordinary Shares of \$1 each (subject to increase) are being offered

The U.K. and Ireland Offer Price per Ordinary Share is expected to be between \$10.00 and \$12.50 or the sterling equivalent £5.45 and £6.80

June 11, 1992

A public application form in respect of the U.K. and Ireland Offer is attached together with a guide on how to complete it. Completed application forms and payment must be received in accordance with the instructions set out below and in any event not later than 6.00 p m on

In connection with the Combined Offering, Nomura International plc as Global Co-ordinator may over-allot or effect transactions which stabilise or maintain the market price of the Ordinary Shares, the American Depositary Shares representing Ordinary Shares which are the subject of the Combined Offering and/or any other securities of (or options, warrants or rights with respect to, or interests in, the shares or other securities of) the Company at a level which might not otherwise prevail in the open market. Such transactions may be effected on the London Stock Exchange or the New York Stock Exchange or otherwise outside Ireland. Such stabilising, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time.

Following the Combined Offering the authorised Ordinary Share capital of the Company will be 450,000,000 Ordinary Shares of \$1 each, of which 286,295,263 are expected to be issued and fully paid.

The U.K. and Ireland Offer

Under the Combined Offering, the Company and the Selling Shareholders are offering for subscription or sale in the U.K. and Ireland, the U.S., Japan and elsewhere up to 85,000,000 Ordinary Shares representing up to 29.7% of the enlarged issued Ordinary Share capital of the

Although each of the offerings forming part of the Combined Offering is being made separately, the offers are inter-related, particularly as to matters of timing, size and price, and are being co-ordinated by the Global Co-ordinator.

If you wish to apply for Ordinary Shares in the U.K. and Ireland Offer, you must complete and return the attached public application form in accordance with the accompanying guide. You may pay for Ordinary Shares in the U.K. and Ireland Offer in either sterling or dollars.

The U.K. and Ireland Offer is being made by way of a public open price offer in the U.K. and Ireland. Applicants in the U.K. and Ireland Offer are being invited to specify the maximum price in sterling or dollars at which they are willing to acquire Ordinary Shares, which price must be within the range of prices set out above. Applicants in the U.K. and Ireland Offer who do not specify a maximum price will be taken to have applied for Ordinary Shares at the U.K. and Ireland Offer Price in the currency of the Cheque or bankers' draft sent with the relevant

Ordinary Shares will be sold in the U.K. and Ireland Offer at the U.K. and Ireland Offer Price. The U.K. and Ireland Offer Price in both sterling and dollars and the basis of allocation of the Ordinary Shares is expected to be announced at 12.30 p.m. on June 18, 1992. The U.K. and Ireland Offer Price, when determined, may be less than \$10.00 or £5.45 per Ordinary Share but will not be more than \$12.50 or £6.80 per Ordinary Share.

Applications which specify a price lower than the U.K. and Ireland Offer Price will be rejected. If your application is successful, in whole or in part, a Letter of Allotment for the Ordinary Shares allocated to you is expected to be despatched to you on June 25, 1992. If there is heavy demand for the Ordinary Shares, you may receive fewer Ordinary Shares than you apply for or, in some cases, none at all. If your application is not accepted, your cheque or bankers' draft will be returned. If your application is accepted in part, or the U.K. and Ireland Offer Price is less than the price at which you apply, you will receive a refund cheque for the balance of the money paid on application, without interest on that balance. Your refund cheque will be in the currency in which you applied i.e. dollars or sterling as appropriate.

It is expected that admission to the Official Lists in London and Dublin will become effective and that unconditional dealings in the Ordinary Shares on the London Stock Exchange and the Irish Stock Exchange will begin on June 25, 1992, it is expected that dealings will begin on June 18, 1992 conditionally upon closing of the Combined Offering which is expected to take place on June 25, 1992. Persons dealing in the Ordinary Shares on the London Stock Exchange or the Irish Stock Exchange before June 25, 1992 should recognise that such dealings will be of no effect if the closing of the Combined Offering does not take place.

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If you receive a copy of this offer notice and application form in any territory other than the U.K. or Ireland it does not constitute an invitation or offer to you, nor should you in any event use such application form, unless in the relevant territory such an invitation and offer could lawfully be made to you without compliance with any unfulfilled registration or other legal requirements. It is your responsibility if you are outside the U.K. or Ireland and/or subject to the laws of any overseas jurisdiction and if you receive a copy of this offer notice and application form and wish to make an application, to satisfy yourself as to full observance of the laws of the relevant territory in connection therewith, including the obtaining of any governmental or other consents and compliance with other necessary formalities, and to pay any transfer or other taxes or duties required to be paid in such territory in respect of the Ordinary Shares acquired by you under the Combined

No application may be made, or will be accepted, from or on behalf of any person in or who is a resident of the Isle of Man. No application may be made on any application form by or on behalf of any person in the U.S. or Canada. If the Company or Schroders has reasonable cause to believe that you are, or are acting on behalf of, a person in the U.S. or Canada, any application which you make may be rejected.

Availability of listing particulars

Copies of the Listing Particulars will be available in the Companies Fiche Service maintained by Extel Financial Limited, 37-45 Paul Street, London EC2A 4PB. Copies of the Listing Particulars will be available for collection during business hours up to and including June 15, 1992 from the Company Announcements Office, The Stock Exchange, Capel Court Entrance, Bartholomew Lane, London EC2 and The Stock Exchange, 28 Anglesea Street, Dublin 2.

Copies of the Listing Particulars will be available for collection from the registered office of the Company (GPA House, Shannon, Ireland) and from the offices of Schroders, Barclays de Zoete Wedd Securities, Davy Stockbrokers and the Global Co-ordinator as set out above up to and including June 25, 1992. In addition, copies of the Listing Particulars will be available in the U.K. from:

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Guide to completing the public application form

Put in Box 1 your full name and address (please use BLOCK CAPITALS)

Applications may not be made by anyone aged under the age of majority (18 in the U.K. and Ireland) but you may apply as a parent, grandparent or guardian of a person under 18 for the benefit of that person. To do this, you should write your own name and address in 80x 1 and put the initials of the person on whose behalf you are applying in the designation box. If you make an application for a child in this way, you may also apply separately for your own benefit.

If you are applying for your own benefit, please leave the designation box blank.

If you are applying on behalf of a partnership, firm, trust, association, club or other unincorporated organisation, write your name in Box 1, put the initials of the organisation in the designation box and write the name of the organisation in the first line of the

If a corporation is applying, the full name of the corporation should be entered in Box 1. Put in Box 2 (in figures) the number of Ordinary Shares for which you wish to apply

Public applications must be for a minimum of 200 Ordinary Shares. Above 200 Ordinary Shares, applications must be in the following multiples:

> Applications for in multiples of 200 to 1,000 Ordinary Shares 100 Ordinary Shares 1,000 to 5,000 Ordinary Shares 500 Ordinary Shares 1,000 Ordinary Shares 5,000 to 10,000 Ordinary Shares 5,000 Ordinary Shares over 10,000 Ordinary Shares

Put in Box 3 (in figures) the amount per Ordinary Share you wish to pay in dollars or sterling.

Applications may be made either in dollars or sterling.

Applications must be made either at the minimum price of \$10.00 per Ordinary Share or £5.45 per Ordinary Share or at any higher price which is a whole multiple of 10 cents or 5 pence up to \$12.50 per Ordinary Share or £6.80 per Ordinary Share. You may leave Box 3 blank in which case you are deemed to have made an application in the currency in which your cheque or bankers' draft is drawn for the number of Ordinary Shares indicated in Box 2 at the U.K. and Ireland Offer Price when determined.

You may make more than one application for Ordinary Shares. However, each application you make must have a different price per Ordinary Share entered in Box 3 and must be made on a separate application form. Regardless of the number of applications you make, you may only make one application in which you leave Box 3 blank as described above. A separate cheque or bankers' draft must accompany each application form.

Applicants making more than one application should be aware that each separate application may be treated as valid. Consequently, separate allocations may be made in respect of each valid application at a price at or above the U.K. and Ireland Offer Price.

Put in Box 4 (in figures) the amount of your cheque or bankers' draft in dollars or sterling. The amount of your cheque or bankers' draft should be the price you have inserted in Box 3 multiplied by the number of Ordinary Shares inserted in Box 2, if you have left Box 3 blank the amount of your cheque or bankers' draft should be the maximum price of \$12.50 per Ordinary Share or £6.80 per Ordinary Share multiplied by the number of Ordinary Shares inserted in Box 2.

For example at the maximum price per Ordinary Share of \$12.50 or £6.80: 200 Shares would cost \$2,500,00 or £1,360,00 \$3,750.00 or £2,040.00 300 Shares would cost 500 Shares would cost \$6,250.00 or £3,400.00 1,000 Shares would cost \$12,500.00 or £6,800.00 Sign and date the form in Box 5.

If you are applying for the benefit of someone under the age of majority (18 in the U.K. and Ireland) you, rather than that person, must sign the application form.

The application form may be signed by someone else on your behalf who is duly authorised to do so. In this case, the original of the

Applications made by corporations, whether on their own behalf or on behalf of other persons, must be signed by a duly authorised official, whose representative capacity must be stated.

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Attach your cheque or bankers' draft to Box 6 with a pin. It should be for the exact amount you have put in Box 4 and in the No receipt will be issued.

If you apply in sterling, you may pay for the Ordinary Shares in sterling by personal cheque drawn on your bank or building society account. Alternatively, you may use a cheque or bankers' draft in sterling from your bank or building society (or personal cheque drawn by someone else) but then you must write your full name and address on the back. If you apply in sterling, your cheque or bankers' draft must be drawn in sterling and bear a U.K. bank sort code number in the top right hand corner and must be made payable to "Lloyds Bank Plc A/C GPA Group plc Offer" and crossed "Not Negotiable". Any monies returned for sterling applications will be sent by sterling cheque crossed "Not Negotiable A/C Payee Only" payable to

If you apply in dollars your cheque or bankers' draft must be drawn in dollars and must be made payable to "Lloyds Bank Pic A/C _ GPA Group plc Offer. "Your chaque or bankers' draft must be drawn on a branch of a bank in London, which is a participant in the London U.S. Dollar Clearing System. You should seek your bank's advice as to whether it is a participating bank. Applications

accompanied by a cheque or bankers' draft drawn on a non-participating bank will be rejected. Any monies returned for dollar applications will be by dollar cheque drawn on a bank in London. You should be aware that collection of these cheques by your bank may attract substantial charges levied both by themselves and the paying bank.

You may apply to hold the Ordinary Shares which you enter in Box 2 jointly with up to three other persons aged 18 or over. As joint applicants they should complete and sign in Box 7. Before signing, they should read carefully the declaration in Box 5. The form may be signed by an attorney or agent on behalf of the joint applicant(s), as described in Note 5. Photocopies of Application Forms will be accepted.

Send your completed application form or deliver it by hand to arrive not later than 6.00 p.m. on June 16, 1992 to either:				
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Deliver your completed application form by hand to arrive not later than 10.30 a.m. on June 16, 1992 to:				
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FROM REUTER IN CHICAGO

BRITISH Airways shares fell in the price of business, first-8p to 269p yesterday on fears of further fare wars over the Atlantic. The battle-weary industry had little choice but to cut trans-Atlantic ticket prices on Tuesday, after Delta Air Lines brought the airfare wars to the European front.

Trying to boost demand for called premium or most expen-United Airlines matched the

Delta cuts, but did so grudg-ingly. American Airlines also went along, as did Continental Airlines, which matched most of the new fares. We're puzzled and totally

perplexed by Delta's move because advance bookings to Europe have been very strong. Joe Hopkins, a spokesman for United, said.

Analysis said European traf-fic has been healthy, but more for leisure than business travellers. Trans-Atlantic discounts, initiated by American Airlines, have been available on leisure fares since March.

Delta announced the first reductions of up to 45 per cent

class and full-coach fares to 36 European destinations. It left its cheapest advance-purchase

fares unchanged.
For example, the round-trip coach fare to Rome from New York dropped to \$1,500 from \$2,616. First-class dropped to \$4,400 from \$5,774.

high-priced seats. Delta cut fares late on Monday on its so- starting by September 30 and completed by October 14. They require round-trip travel and a maximum 14-day stay.

Delta's move stepped up a fight that began in April, when American reduced business fares and created a simplified ticket structure. Northwest fired back by of-

fering two leisure tickets for the price of one. American then halved its lowest fare. The fare war came as losses

in the industry mounted under the impact of recession, slow traffic and competition. Delta is hoping to boost

premium passenger traffic on the routes it bought from the now-defunct Pan Am. The acquisition made Delta the largest American airline serv-

Nintendo's game-boy plays a home run at last

ping spree in America is not over yet. Having spent bil-lions of dollars on prime real estate and the most famous names in Hollywood during the 1980s amid howls of indignation from some Americans, the Japanese are turning to entertain themselves with the tighter side of Amer-

ica and their target is sport. Under an agreement made on Tuesday by the American major league baseball owners' committee and due to be approved yesterday by the 26 major league teams, the Seattle Mariners baseball team was sold to Nintendo, a Japanese video-game maker. If the deal is accepted, the

Seattle Mariners will be the first American baseball team to be owned by the Japanese. Under Hiroshi Yamauchi, its president, a man said to have entertained a strong affection for a New York Yankees baseball cap ever since he grew into long trousers, Nintendo will pay \$75 million for a 50 per cent stake in the Seattle Mariners but will have only a limited role in operating the team. Mr Yamauchi first offered to buy the financially trousled team in January for

\$125 million, but the offer

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Joanna Pitman reports on the

latest Japanese craze — buying

US sports teams

sations from some Americans, who claimed that Japan was deliberately targeting the nation's favourite pastime and trying to buy its heart and soul. No alternative buyer has emerged, and when Mr Yamauchi made alterations to his proposal, his boyhood dream began to

But angry mutterings from baseball fans have not been muffled. The Yankee stadium in New York has been known to serve sushi and Sapporo beer as a trendy alternative to the more orthodox burger and Budweiser, and the recent purchase of a minor basketball team by a Japanese company set

tongues wagging.
The question remain: whether fun-loving Mr Yamauchi's venture will be economically viable for a company specialising in computer and video games. Examples are legion of Japanese companies that bought

October 1991, but is spending

20.23 billion pesetas on a five-

year revamp plan, launched in November 1990.

Galerias said sales rose

more than 30 per cent in the

first two years after Mount-

leigh took over in 1987 from Gustavo Cisneros, a Venezue

height of the market and have burned their fingers.

Just 18 months after he bought the Pebble Beach golf resort in California for \$841 million, triggering a wave of anti-Japan rhetoric, Minoru Isutani, a Japanese golf ty-coon, was forced to sell it at a 40 per cent loss this February. The 'I-told-you-so' reaction in America sent chills down the spines of executives at other Japanese companies that diversified into ill-timed real estate and other investments in the late 1980s. The expenditure has been

for the Tiffany building in New York and has been trying to sell it since. In 1990, Mitsubishi Real Estate paid \$846 million for a controlling stake in the Rockerfeller Centre, also in New York, and in 1989, Sony snapped up Columbia Pic-tures for \$3.5 billion. In 1990, Matsushita bought MCA Communications for Faced with falling domes

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Real Estate paid \$94 million

tic profits and recession in international markets, Japan's new breed of movie moguls are now wonder they should have left Holly wood to the Americans.



Field of dreams: Hiroshi Yamauchi now owns half of the Mariners' action

Peltz and May set to buy Galerias

FROM REUTER IN MADRID

TWO former directors of loss for the half year of April-Mountleigh Group pic, the crashed UK property group, are the most likely candidates to buy Galerias Preciados SA. Mountleigh's loss-making Spanish retail subsidiary, a Galerias spokesman said.

"Everything points to Nelson Peltz and Peter May," he said. The two American entrepreneurs bought a 22 per cent stake in Mountleigh in November 1989, but last year sold half their holding to the Gordon Getty Trust. "I don't think there have been any other offers. We hope there will be agreement very soon, " the spokesman said.

He reported that negotia-tions, began after Moundeigh went into receivership on May 25 owing £500 million, were still going on. Galerias has said that any bid would be for all 29 stores.

Galerias posted a 343 million pesetas (£1.87 million)

Nestlé buys

1.5m Suez

shares

FROM REUTER

UPI bid thrown

Peltz likely buyer

NESTLÉ, the Swiss food concern, said it was in the process of buying more than 1.5 million shares in Cie de Suez, the financial conglomerate, from Exor, the French hold-

A Nestle spokesman said the deal had not yet gone through but added: "It is in progress and it will happen." A Suez official said that Exor had sold the shares at 320

Exor had already sold part of its stake to Credit Agricole, the French farm bank. Exor is controlled by IFINT SA, a Luxembourg-based invest-

The three partners are Nestlé, BSN and Credit Agricole.

in doubt

FROM RUUTER IN WASHINGTON

PAT Robertson, a television evangelist who was the win-ning bidder for United Press International at a bankruptcy auction last month, said he only wanted to buy UPI's name and one or two of its assets, rather than rescue the whole news agency.

He-told a news conference yesterday that his lawyers would submit a modified offer for the agency in the Federal Bankruptcy Court in New

It was not immediately clear which assets Mr Robertson wanted to keep or whether they included the news wire service that is the traditional core of the agency, which was founded 84 years ago.

Pieter VanBennekom, UPI executive, said that the agency now considered itself free to look elsewhere for a buyer in its struggle to stay alive. The company, he said, "must consider all of its

UPI has run in the red for more than 20 years and has twice declared bankruptcy to shelter liself from creditors.

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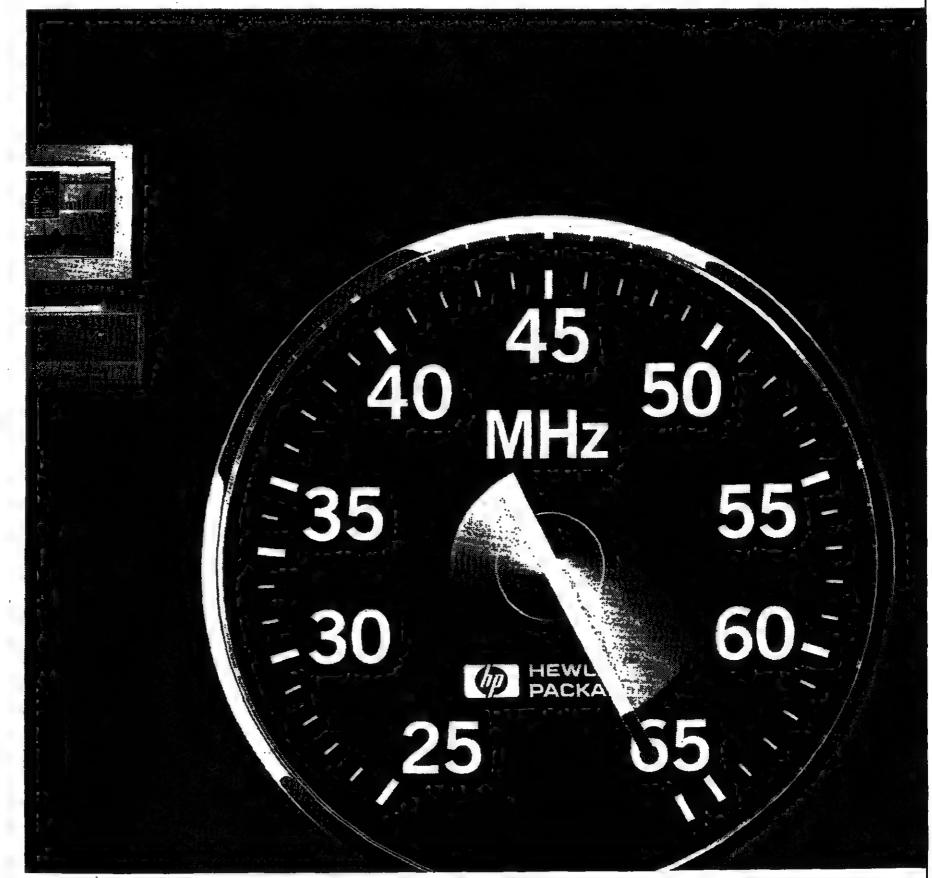
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French francs each, complet-ing the disposal of its former 2.3 per cent stake.

ment company that is owned by Italy's Agnelli family. After the fight between the Agnellis and Nestle over Source Perrier SA, the French mineral water group, was settled in March, Cie de Suez, which backed Nestlé in the battle, said it expected its three partners to help in the expected sale of Exor's stake in Suez.

Acquisitions boost Mansfield Brewery

By MARTIN WALLER

Public house acquisition pro-gramme at Mansfield Brewery, the Yorkshire and East Midlands brewer, raised pretax profits to EI 1 million in the year to end March, up from 18.04 million in the previous

This was despite a recessionled 4.4 per cent fall in sales to Mansfield's tied estate and a marginal reduction in free trade volumes. Overall, Mansfield's total draught beer sales were ahead by 2.8 per cent in a regional market that is estimated to have fallen by 4.6

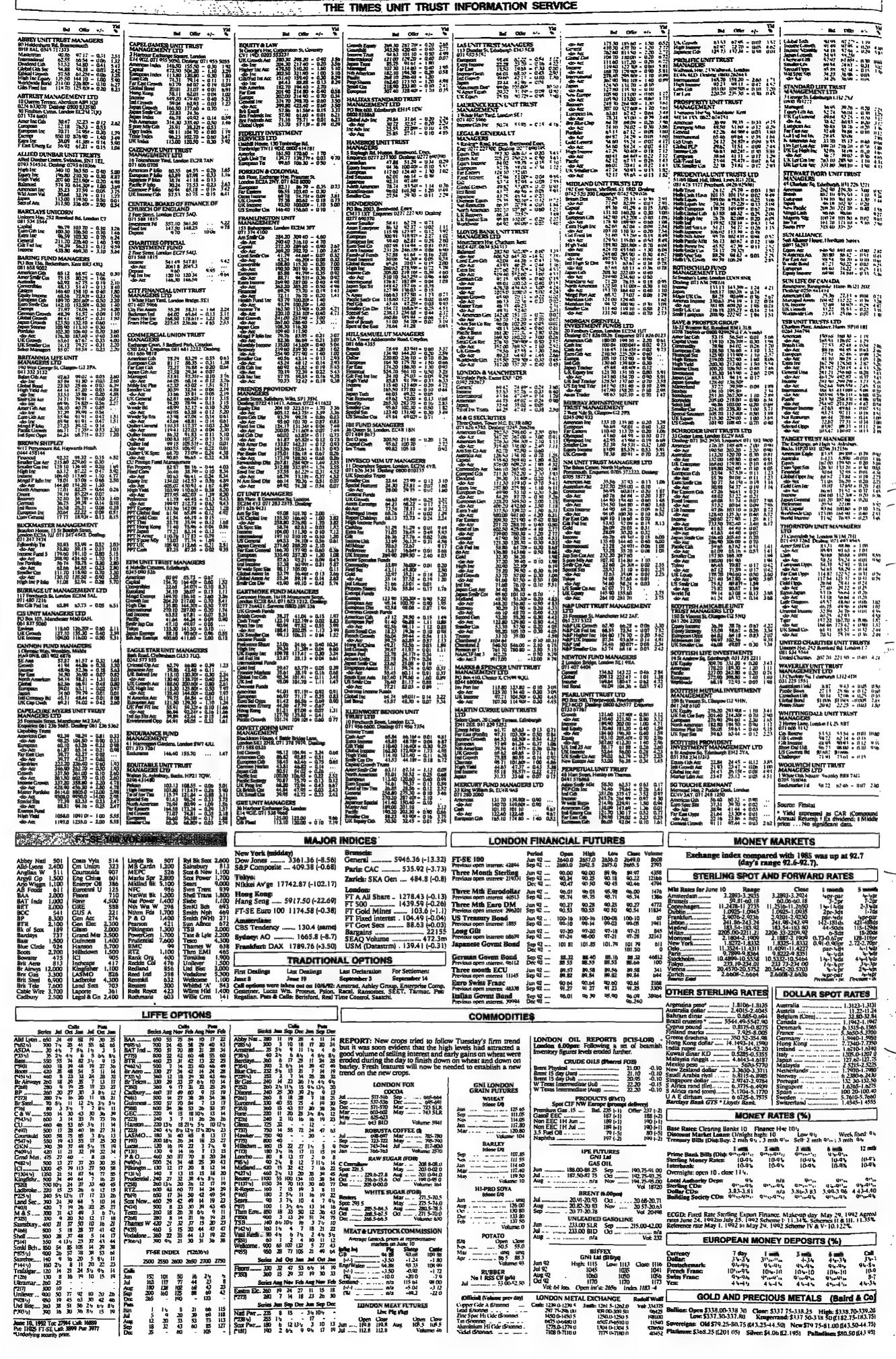
Mansfield, which two years ago withdrew from peripheral areas such as carpet cleaning, bought a total of 117 pubs last

A HEFTY and continuing year, bringing the total estate to more than 400.

Geoffrey Kent, the chairman, said the company would continue to expand both by full ownership and leaseholds. Borrowings rose by £16.5 million to £59.8 million, and year-end gearing was 43.7 per cent. A final dividend of 9.6p makes a total of 13.6p. up from 12.1p. The figures, and confident statement from Mr Kent, sent the shares 12p ahead to 608p.

Like many other brewers.

Mansfield suffered over the last financial year from the problem of bad debts to free trade customers. These required a charge against operating profits of £1.2 million for



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GOVERNMENT OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

The Government of the Cayman Islands has a vacancy for the position of

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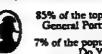
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ACCOUNTANCY TIMES

Philip Hewitt outlines the benefits of a CIMA training

Industrial accountancy 'more than just keeping the score'

there, accountancy is not an end to itself. The question the profession must have always at the forefront of its collective mind is: "What does the business world require from us?"

If we are really as good as we daim to be, we must have some sharp answers ready for that question.

Robert Bruce focused on accountancy in industry with almost cruel precision in one of his recent Audit columns on this page. Making the point that some accountants who move into industry find that the easy option is to isolate themselves with their skills (and I cannot quarrel with that stricture) he suggested that such "inadequates" give rise to the view that "accountants make lousy managers".

They do when they are the

poor creatures he portrays. The whole purpose of management accountancy as fostered by the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) is to ensure that companies are served by infinitely better material than Mr Bruce's caricature of isolationists hunched over their spread sheets in some corner

of a foreign (to them) factory. The charge against accountants that they are a hindrance rather than a help to industry and business development is not new. It wasn't new when Akio Morita, the founder and chairman of Sony, made it in

1987. It is ages old.

A few in Sheffield might just remember the self-made steelmaster who brooked no opposition. With great reluctance he was persuaded to take an accountant into his boardroom. Attending his first board meeting, the accountant was aghast at the old man's refusal to listen or discuss. Finally, the accountant spoke up. The old chairman turned on him fiercely: "Tha shut up. Tha's only here to keep bloody

The point is that industry today looks for much more than score keeping from its accountants, and is sometimes disappointed by the unwillingness of individual accountants to contribute a whole.

In my lifetime's experience as a management accountant, I can say that when industrial managers fall out with their accountancy colleagues it is almost always because of impatience with that certain type of accountant who is content to be a bookkeeper and bean counter. Such people are usually those whose training emphasis has been on audit work. perhaps, ever achieving a close



internal checks, and internal control, of the business. Such disciplines are very important and should in no way be diminished. However, they are a mere fraction of the areas that a good management accountant should cover.

The person in a management accountancy post, who has been trained properly, will also be looking at the business potential of the marketing plans and the products being developed, in the context of a clear understanding of the company's strategies and objectives. For example, the company might have a range of different targets for particular sectors of business.

It could be aiming to be the lowest cost producer in one area, to be the best service provider in another, and to pitch for a profitable niche market in a third sector. All will require differing inputs from the management

art of the problem is that the emphasis on countancy profession is on audit, internal checks and control, the preparation of the statutory accounts of a company, and taxation. The trainee will visit clients

for the purpose of an audit once or twice a year, without,

goats for Czechoslovakia's

economic difficulties. Not

least among these are west-

ern accountancy firms, which

are frequently accused of

charging high fees for un-

workable advice. In the gener-

al atmosphere of political edginess, criticism tends to be

laced with crude accusations

A recent article in The

Prague Post, the English lan-

guage newspaper, said: "Big

money from the corporate world in the United States

and Europe ... is purchasing the loyalty of Czech politi-

London-based financial

consultants were "making a

fortune out of Czechoslova-

kian privatisation schemes",

All the Big Six accountance

firms are now established in

Prague, with staffs of up to

100. Once, they had make-

shift offices and battered

equipment: now there is little

to distinguish their accommo-

dation from anything you

might find in Austria or

The problems faced by ac-

countants stem primarily

from a misunderstanding of

what they could offer and

Waterhouse's Prague office.

said: "There was an expecta-

tion gap on their side and

perhaps naivety on ours. The

western consultants assumed

that the same techniques

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any adaptation, while the Crechs and Slovaks perhaps

thought that we could give

For the time being, privati-

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understanding of the businesses. The training of a CIMA management accountant, on the other hand, is

carried out as an employee of the company, which gives him opportunity to understand fully what the business is all about - its strategic aims and objectives. It also allows the student, indeed expects the student, to contribute to those aims and to be a part of the

'Modern industry has no room for the accountant who sees producing an account as an end in itself

Many of the major companies in Britain have training programme agreements with move the student through various offices of the accounting function and may also move them for periods into other areas of the business during three years of training. The training programme is designed to be sufficiently broad to equip the student to become part of the management team.

Meanwhile, we also have the forum of the CIMA em-

"The business accountant is a prime supplier of information to management": Philip Hewitt, president of CIMA

standards groups, as component parts of a national matrix of points of contact for students and employers and the institute to keep in touch with each other. A new scheme, now in the experimental stage, is de-

ployers' group and regional

signed to allow students to be seconded to other companies on a one-for-one exchange basis for periods of at least six months to broaden their industrial experience. Many of the 59,000 CIMA

students are graduates who have entered industry, and are working to become management accountants while also acting as executives for their companies. We believe that our training, because it concentrates on practical business experience, is a better training than three years in the audit-

Our route provides a person what the figures really are the numerical representation of a business by the value of the products produced and sold, the cost and value of the raw materials awaiting conversion, and the value of goods shipped to suppliers and awaiting payment. The business accountant is a realist who understands that, until the debts have been collected. no profit has been made. The

good business accountant understands that he or she has a vital role as a prime supplier of

information to management.

he creative part of the work is to ensure the information provided is what is required to secure progress towards implementing the company's strategy and the growth of the

Figures are a common denominator of business. We expect management accountants to see those figures as the symbols of the business that he understands also in terms of hardware, people, and

I CSOURCES Modern industry has no τοοm for the kind of accountant who sees the production of the annual account as an end in itself, and the end of his or her responsibilities. That is only part of the job of an

accountant you have to have an instinct for business, which you are unlikely to develop through auditing. You get it through being part of a management team.

• The author is the new president of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, who, until retiring recently, was a director of management services in the

Tax work provides surprising boost

EVERYONE knows that accountants have organised their businesses in such a way that they can take a "heads we win, tails you lose" view of recession. In simple terms, the core business of audit goes on for ever, but in good times, fees are boosted by add-ons such as corporate finance advice and, in bad times.

insolvency work more than fills the gap. Or so the argument used to nun. These days, recession, despite the insolvency work, is forcing accountancy firms to get rid of the unwise fat they put on in the late 1980s. However, there is one unlikely area of their work that seems to have bucked all the trends.

Even the firms are surprised at the amount and type of tax work they are building up from their clients.

Traditionally, early summer is the time when all the main accountancy firms publish their overall fee income figures. Unlike their clients' results, these are un-audited and so can be, well, restated, moulded into different

shapes, or, in some cases, just plain fiddled. This year has been no exception. The need for the profession was to show that times were hard but that the firms were surviving. The

aim was to show small amounts of growth in a time of adversity and, lo, the figures do just that. If the contribution from the tax departments of the large firms is analysed out, howev er, a different story is found. The table published by Accountancy Age last week, showed that Ernst & Young. Price Waterhouse, KPMG Peat Marwick and Touche Ross all posted increases in tax work fees this year of between 12 and 14 per cent. The only large firm to show a slight drop in fee income from tax was Coopers and Lybrand. But they can comfort themselves that, with £120 million of fees, they still,

retained their position as top of the tax league with those billings almost exactly double those of Arthur Andersen, the

firm in sixth place. More interesting still are the areas where some of this growth in work is coming from. in an increasingly sophisticated financial world, the firms reckoned that the real growth in tax work would be in the fancier areas. Increasingly, however, this does not appear to

In the past few weeks, there have been two announcements that may point to a complete change in the ways in which companies deal

with their tax responsibilities.

First, British Telecom announced that it was going to pass the responsibility for its entire in-house corporate tax department to Coopers and Lybrand, its auditors.

Then BP announced that it was going to transfer all its UK corporation tax compliance work to Price Waterhouse along with 20 of its

In America, there has been a trend for this Companies are no longer feeling that they have to retain control over what they see as inhouse services. During the 1980s, multinationals were rapidly building in-house services in virtually everything.

In a recession they start to analyse costs differently and suddenly all those departments appear superfluous. Even with an inhouse tax capability, for example, external advice is still needed.

So pressure on costs has effectively forced companies to privatise their in-house departments. The winners in this look to be the accountancy firms. They suddenly find themselves flooded with work. One tax partner said last week: "There is nothing that motivates people with time on their hands better than etting them back to a regular pattern of 15hour days."

The new work also provides the firms with some pay-off on the heavy investment they have been making in information technology to provide sophisticated systems to deal with

much tax work. Computerisation is only part of the answer. It gets rid of much of the slog. What it cannot deal with are the judgmental areas and the lengthy dealings with the Inland Revenue.

In the type of agreements that the

accountancy firms are going for with companies eager to divest their tax work, the professionals may find they have an Achil-les heel. Companies are wanting to rid themselves of their tax staff as well as their tax departments. For example, it appears that one of the factors that led to Price Waterhouse winning the BP work rather than BP's auditors, Ernst & Young, or Arthur Andersen, the other firm that was invited to tender, was that PW, as well as under-cutting on the price, was willing to take on more of the existing BP staff. If the shifting of corporate tax staff across to accounting firms becomes a large trend then problems will arise. The staff of tax compliance depart-

ments in a multinational understand the culture of that company and its decision-making process. Their knowledge will be of

value to the accounting firm. However, such departments are often also regarded as not really being an environment for the most ambitious of tax people. They tend to be regarded as elephants' graveyards.

Accountancy firms are notoriously bad at staff management. They may not be able to cope with the personnel problems involved in a sudden influx of comfortable tax experts into what is often a surprisingly ruthless and impersonal environment. They will just have

What is amazing is how the accountancy firms again seem to have landed on their feet without knowing how they did it. One bemused but smiling partner in one of the large firms said last week: "A few years ago, we reckoned all the business would be high

"It comes as a bit of a surprise suddenly to compliance work." ● The author is Associate Editor of Accoun-

Tougher penalties are urged for rule breaches

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THE disciplinary process for dealing with erring accountants is too slow and the penalties too weak, according to Ian Plaistowe, newly appointed president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (Jon Ashworth writes).

Mr Plaistowe, who took office last week, is urging a speedy review of the disciplin-

ary system.
"My contact with members around the country shows that they want the institute to be fair, firm and fast in our dealings with those who fall below the professional standards we expect," he said in his opening address to the

institute's council.

"I have no doubts about the integrity and fairness of our system. But we need to recognise that many ordinary members do not believe our penalties have always been tough enough."

Complaints against chartered accountants were likely to go on rising. Mr Plaistowe said. "We may need to find even more resources to tackle this. Nevertheless, I believe that we must have as a priority a significant reduction in the time which it takes us to handle complaints. Our reput-



Institute's members want action: Ian Plaistowe

ation depends in part upon our achieving this." It could take almost a year from a letter of complaint being received to the time the matter was laid to rest he said.

Requiring cases to be re-solved within a fixed timescale of six months would be one way forward.

It's a question of increasing the institute's clout and show-

volting" biscuits the institute serves to visitors. His intention was to replace them with chocolate digestives, but the ICA had beaten him to it. The table was laden with a choice variety provided by Pru Leith, the inhouse caterer, leaving

Plaistowe free to turn to more

pressing matters.

PRICE Waterhouse has just provided another clue that the economy has bottomed out. While fee income from audit work has been marking time. insolvency has proved a money spinner for the Big Six. Is all that about to change? Price Waterhouse has appointed 11 new audit partners compared with only one in corporate re-

JON ASHWORTH | ring,

ing the public we are prepared to act firmly," Mr Plaistowe The institute is preparing

for one of its most publicised disciplinary hearings in years. Michael Jordan and Richard Stone, of Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, were due to appear before the institute's disciplinary committee last month after a complaint from a rival firm about their appointment as administrators to Polly Peck in October 1990.

The complaint hinges on the fact that Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte took on the role of administrator to the collapsed group of companies even though it had been retained by it on previous

occasions. This, it is alleged, created a conflict of interest. The disciplinary hearing

was postponed after the institute requested more information.

When it takes place, there will be intense pressure for firm action if the complaint is upheld. The institute has the right to admonish, to fine or to withdraw practising centificates. When judgment is passed. Mr Plaistowe's re-

marks may have a prophetic

LETTERS -

Changing values

From W.A.C. Newson Sir, As a chartered surveyor and valuer, I read with interest your article on May 28 entitled "Putting a price-tag on the property of food retailers."

I entirely endorse the comments of your contributor. who is a chartered accountant. that market prices do not take proper account of depreciation of freehold (and long leasehold) buildings. This is not a problem con-

fined to the valuation of supermarkets and superstores. Office buildings erected only ten years ago are now regarded as "second hand", particu-larly in central London, and if they were to fall vacant through a lease expiry, a tenant going out of business or a tenant exercising a break dause (commonly included in leases today), those buildings would necessarily require substantial expenditure by the owner on refurbishment. Some buildings only 15 years old are already ripe for total redevelopment.

This raises many important questions as to whether values ascribed to certain types of property are "correct" having regard to the underlying returns.

Surely the market should be reassessing the way in which it values properties with, for example, medium-term reverstons by doing many more cash flow exercises with reversion to site value. With site values today at a low level, this would produce some very interesting answers compared with what is being paid in the market place for such proper-

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Yours faithfully. W.A.C. NEWSON, Savills, 20 Grosvenor Hill. Berkeley Square, W !

Expectation gap and naivety create difficulties in Prague THERE are various scape-

Edward Fennell says accountants are taking the brunt of the blame for

Czechoslovakia's economic problems

system of popular capitalism is attracting great interest. Western firms are playing a vital role in the process by valuing property and plant and converting Czech accounts into a form that westerners can understand. There is widespread resentment, however, over the fees paid

for these services.

Although much of the funding comes from western bodies, this is merely seen as a neat money laundering operation. One Czech businessman complained: "Instead of recycling the money back into western pockets, why can't they let us use it to invest in the equipment we need?"

There are complaints in the few years to turn itself round. other direction, too. One firm "There's a misconception in

companies do not like the more carefully.

advice they receive, they might not pay the fees. "Some Czechoslovak companies have told us flatly at the end of a project that they are not going to pay us because they don't like what we've told them," it says. "In other cases, they never had the money in the first place. We are starting to vet potential clients much Beneath the surface fric-

of accountants is realising, to

its dismay, that if Czech

based certified accountancy tions, however, western accountants and management consultants are confident that the Czech economy has great potential and needs relatively

down," Matt Pottle, of Coopers & Lybrand, said, "It's not. I've been astonished by the amount of recent investment in modern manufacturing processes in some factories in Czechoslovakia." Nobody disputes that the Czechs are well educated and eager to learn western

European industry is run-

Practices such as Coopers and Price Waterhouse are now staffed up 75 per cent by investments are being made in training staff for the UK-

malifications. John Major's endorsement of a quick entry into the EC for Czechoslovakia is widely welcomed. The challenge faced by the new government will be to sustain economic redevelopment in the midst of political uncertainty.

ANY OTHER BUSINES

New role in retirement

ACCOUNTANTS work long hours, but at least most of them enjoy a prosperous retirement. Others, like Jim Cain, a long serving partner with Pannell Kerr Forster, go on to double their workload Cain, who retired from PKF in 1986 after 32 years in the Isle of Man office, has been sertling in to his new role as speaker of the House of Keys. the lower house of the Manx parliament. "Professional life had been good to me and I wanted to put something back into the island," says Cain, who can indirectly take a little credit for widening the scope of accountancy training. Isle of Man residents were obliged

to take articles in England or Wales, and Cain duly joined the Liverpool firm of WH Walker. Alexander Walker, the senior partner, served on

the council of the ICAEW and

changed the bylaws so that

residents of the Isle of Man

and the Channel Islands could take their articles on home ground. Cain is now busy preparing for the Manx national day on July 6. Japanese links ANY contract that combines the Japanese capacity for work with the European love of bu-

reaucracy must be worth its

weight in gold. Enter KPMG

Management Consulting. which has been called in by the European Community to help foster ties between Japan and Brussels. The firm's task is to find senior managers to send on a training course aimed at developing business with Japanese companies. Japan accounts for 15 per cent of

EC imports but takes only 5.6 of EC exports, and Lord Cockfield, the architect of the single European market, is keen to redress the balance We need to recognise that Japan is one of the world's largest marketplaces," he says. "Reducing imports from Ja-pan would be a negative approach ultimately to nobody's

must be to develop trade with Japan." KPMG has found three victims for the course and is hunting for more.

advantage. The right answer

Take the biscuit

LET it not be said that Ian Plaistowe, president of the in-stitute of chartered accountants in England and Wales. has lost his sense of priorities so soon after taking up office. Plaistowe, a partner with Arthur Andersen, held a "meet the press" session this week, during which it became clear where his heart lies. One of his first tasks as president, he revealed, was to replace the "re-

covery and insolvency.

Confident Christie setting pace on road to Barcelona

FROM DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN ROME

MICHAEL Johnson slouched in a chair at his hotel here yesterday and reflected on the fall of his 31-race victory sequence at 200 metres. Beaten by Frankie Fredericks in the Golden Gala grand prix on Tuesday night, and barely able to stay ahead of Linford Christie, Johnson said: "I was not bothered about Fredericks, but it was a real shock seeing Linford come up on the

Christie may have won with a better lane draw: he was in two, with Johnson and Fredericks in the preferred four and five. "My next target is to smash the 20-seconds barrier," Christie said. Fredericks won in 20.23sec, with Johnson second and Christie third, both in 20.25. Christie's Brit-

ish record is 20.09sec. Ninety minutes earlier, Christie had won the 100 metres in 10.11 sec, his fastest run of the season. He is planning to double in Barcelona. "People forget that I just missed a medal in the 200 at the last Olympics," Christie

He wintered in Australia instead of racing indoors, as he usually does. "When I went to Australia I trained, trained and trained," he said. "My results are not lucky, they are the outcome of hard work. The Olympics could be something special for me."

It was a night when the British media was kept busy with enquiries from European colleagues. Who is Ian Hamer? Who is Ann Williams? Both donated to the pot of surprises. Hamer especially. After Johnson, Noureddine Morceli was the next biggest favourite to drop, losing to Gennaro di Napoli. just what the Italians needed after Hamer pipped Salvatore Antibo in the 5.000 metres. 5000m TOP TEN

European record: 13:00 41, Moorcroft, Jul 7:82.

More than that. Consider the field that Hamer beat: the world 10,000 metres champion (Moses Tanui), the Olympic 10,000 metres champion (Braham Boutayeb), the world 10,000 metres record holder (Arturo Barrios), the European 5,000 metres and 10,000 metres champion (Antibo) and the Commonwealth 5,000 metres champion (Andrew Lloyd). And all he had come for was a Welsh record. At 3,000 metres Hamer,

with a best of 13min 25.63sec. was thinking of Steve Jones's Welsh mark of 13:18.6. "At 3k I thought: 'I am within smelling distance of that'," he said. Five laps later he had run 13:09.80, to become the second-fastest Briton.

before becoming a serious athlete, drawn into a committed approach by the Coe-Ovett-Cram revolution. "Britain was so good at middle distance that anyone who was running would have been inspired by the success of that time," Hamer said. "But I never imagined I could aspire to the levels those guys attained." He can now. "I don't think I have hit my peak form yet," he said. "I have not done any flat-out speedwork." But no dreams yet of being Olym-

pic champion. I trained all through the winter with the thought of reaching the Olympic final and nothing has changed." he said. "It was that much of a muchness between seven of us that it is a question of who gains or loses shape over the next few weeks." As much on his mind is his search for work. He took business studies

exams a week ago.

Rob Denmark, third, and Buckner, fourth, contributed towards a 5,000 metres of unprecedented quality for Britain. But all three may not be in Barcelona. John Mayock, eleventh, achieved an Olympic qualifying time and British selection policy dictates that the trial winner, provided he has achieved the qualifying time, shall go to the Games. Does Denmark, for example, need to run the trial? "I don't think I can take the risk of not running it," he said.

What if Mayock wins?" Williams beat a European champion, Yvonne Murray, and a world champion. Tatyana Dorovskikh, to win the 1,500 metres. Improving her best to 4min 07.59sec. and gaining her first grand prix victory, Williams is now convinced that this is her distance, and not the 800 metres. "I honestly thought, with 150 metres left, that we had another lap to go, I felt so



Mixed double: Dan Maskell and Virginia Wade relax at a Wimbledon fund-raising dinner

Memory lane gathering to help aged

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

DAN Maskell, once the BBC voice of Wimbledon, was at the age of 83 the appropriate guest of honour at a dinner at the Ali England club which raised about £20,000 for the charity, Age Concern, on Tuesday evening.

One of the highlights was the auction of tennis rackets

signed by leading players. Chris Evert's raised the top price. £575. but large sums were also given for others -Steffi Graf, Monica Seles and Jimmy Connors. E350 each and Arantia Sanchez Vicario £225.

Maskell said: "I believe people should be allowed to go on working as long as they can be of use to the community. Too many people retire when they still have so much

"I have been blessed with good health, both mentally and physically, and therefore have been happy to contine to help others through my work," he added. "I am delighted that our presence here helped funds for the golden age appeal."

Wimbledon champion, Jimmy Hill, Cliff Morgan, Cliff Richard, James Hunt. Sam Wanamaker, Pete Murray, Jenny Hanley and Helen Rollason were among those from the world of aport and entertainment who came to the dinner, held in the presence of the Duke of Kent, the Wimbledon president.

BOXING

Brain scan leaves cloud over McAuley

From Srikumar Sen. boxing correspondent, in bilbao

DAVE McAuley, of Northern Ireland, could be in for the fight of his life when he defends his International Boxing Federation flyweight title against Rodolfo Blanco, of Colombia, for the second time,

here tonight.

home advantage because the BBC could not find the money to televise his sixth defence. He is determined to leave BSkyB viewers in no doubt this time.

always boasted about the number of times he has got off the floor to win - 16 - said that this time he did not intend to hit the deck once.

Rocky said, 'I ain't going down no more', but if I do go down he knows I'll be up and he'll be in deep trouble."

Jim Watt's record of five defences, wants to have two more bouts to beat Jimmy Wilde's record of seven, and then retire.

for it would expose him to Blanco's big right hand. If that happens, one wonders how far

at the Royal Victoria in Belfast revealed an abnormality. He had to have three subsequent scans, in Dublin, New York and Chicago, to get the allclear. "If it wasn't for the independent scans I would have retired," he said. "I've made over half a million pounds. I'm ready to get out."

While most ringsiders felt McAuley scraped in 20 months ago in Belfast, television viewers, having seen McAuley on the floor four times, thought he had lost.

The little Irishman, who has

"I took his best shots in the third round and he can't be better than that this time,"

McAuley said yesterday, "As he is really prepared to go.

McAuley, who has beaten

He has been "getting really stuck in" in the gym, as one observer said. But that could lead him into trouble tonight,

ministration: no sponsorship,

the interests of the competitors

being the only criterion in how

decisions taken by volunteers

whose only concern is to stage

a fair and successful regatta

each year. It is amusing to

Coubertin used the stewards of

Henley as his model when he

proposed setting up an

organising committee to stage

Fisa, the international rowing

federation. Rowing worldwide

is still a minority sport. In Central and South America.

in Africa and in much of Asia.

the national rowing federa-

tions do not have the funds or

the experience themselves to

Fisa is carrying out an

extensive programme to help

developing countries to expand rowing and it is only

able to do so because of the

funding it receives from the

IOC. Sixty per cent of our

annual incomes comes either

from our share of the tele-

vision income at the Games or

through Olympic Solidarity.

funds from the IOC's other

commercial income. Without

this subsidy, world rowing would simply be an adminis-

trative body meeting once a

develop our sport.

I am also the treasurer of

record that Baron

the modern Olympics.

Last September a brain scan

their way to the line.

them gave much pleasure to the scrum half, Stevens, who was sponsored, delightfully, by the Oamaru Hairdressing By the interval, England led 36-0. They had nearly dou-

bled their money by full time, though their opponents, with great glee, managed to work Lemon, the full back, over for

This will be a valuable learning experience for the young Gloucester stand-off half, and being involved in a record win by an England B team (the previous best was a 63-3 victory over a Basque XV in San Sebastian three years ago) will help to increase his STRUCK

HAMILTON !

came in the wake of increased

their body tissues. That's the one and only test." Erasmus, a lawyer, said. "The way the

meet today to discuss the issue. and might take action. The All Blacks doctor, John Mayhew. said the decision smacked of a

SPORTS LETTERS

Controlling

From Mr Charles Wight

match, I was appalled.

ed to David Heath, secretary

of Warwickshire Cricket Club,

relating to the recent Test

"Yesterday ... It was very

noisy at times, and that might

have been partly due to drink.

but if we banned alcohol

people could sit meek and

mute for six hours and there

would be no atmosphere at

alcohol is essential to generate

any excitement. If such be the

case, why not just cut out the

cricket altogether and orga-

nise mass alcoholic sit-ins

where rave-ups could take

No more fees for profession-

al sportsmen and think of the

revenue from alcohol and

medical supply sales, eg. ban-dages. Any old field would do,

a fact already appreciated by

If cricket is so boring that it

requires chemical stimulants,

it isn't worth saving.

CHARLES WIGHT,

170 Maidstone Road,

From Mr W. C. Weston

Sir. If alcohol were banned at

Test matches, it might pro-

duce an atmosphere in which

the majority of spectators

could slt and enjoy their cricket in peace and one which, I suspect, would attract

back many who no longer go

simply because they cannot

bear the incessant and mind-

Not that watching cricket on

television is immune from this

disturbance. Frequently one is forced to turn off the sound,

with the regrettable loss of

I wonder if, in truth, it is the

sound of the cash registers in

the bars which deafens the

authorities to the noise in

Yours faithfully.

St Mary's Platt,

less chanting.

commentary.

some of the stands?

Yours faithfully.

17 Tibberton.

Newport,

Shropshire.

W. C. WESTON,

the organisers of "acid"

parties.

The assumption here is that

the noise

McAuley has had to give up

Events at Edgbaston harm cricket's image

There are many things

From Mr W. H. Owen Sir. As one of the people who had the misfortune to attend the Friday of the Edgbaston proceedings against Warwickshire County Cricket Club in respect of the £84 I paid for four tickets, unless I receive an acceptable offer of a refund.

The media have made a great deal about the exclusion clause that appears on the back of the ticket. However, anyone who buys a ticket through the post has not entered into a contract of which that clause forms a part. In my case, I sent the application form to Edgbaston in January and the tickets eventually arrived in May.

The contract was made when my application was accepted by Warwickshire and they had not drawn the exclusion clause in question to my attention. I did not agree to it and cannot be bound by it.

My claim arises because, in legal terms, there has been a total failure of consideration. I bought a ticket to see play in a Tet match. I expected approximately 90 overs of cricket spread over about six hours. I was actually able to see two balls (less than a third of one per cent of what the Test and County Cricket Board regards as a day's minimum quota). Any reasonable man would say that the ground authority had totally failed to comply with its side of the contract.

which can prevent a contract being fulfilled. Bad weather is one of them, but sport is not to say that you cannot do anything about the weather. You can't stop it raining, but you can ensure that, if people don't get their money's worth. they get a fair refund.

Under the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977, even if the exclusion clause had been incorporated in the contract. you would not be able to rely on it unless you could prove that it was reasonable. Bearing in mind the respective positions of the TCCB and the average private cricket watcher. I do not believe that the board would be able to prove that it was fair and reasonable.

What really saddened me about the whole incident was not the legal position, but the way that the paying customers were treated. There was no attempt to provide any sort of entertainment while people waited for play, both before and after 2.45pm. Public announcements were made from time to time, but where we were sitting, many of them

were inaudible. If the offer of free tickets for the Monday had been made as an alternative to a refund, it would have been reasonable. In the absence of such an option, however, most business people have to plan ahead to take a day off work. It

therefore, that people who lost out on Friday could also take the next working day off.

easy," she said.

firmly against the idea of offering a full refund, why not issue vouchers which are reclaimable against the cost of Test match tickets purchased during the next 12 months? Yours sincerely, BILL OWEN. Mill Cottage, Tickenham,

was not going to be very likely,

nr Clevedon, Avon. From Mr David Smith Sir, For the fourth year in a row I organised a trip to

Edgbaston for a party of 50 pupils and five staff from my school. The cost of the tickets was £377.45 plus £180 for the hire of the coach. During the day our pupils were patient, well behaved

and clearly understood that cricket could only be played in suitable conditions. It was unfortunate that we chose a wet day, but the afternoon's events were totally unacceptable. The TCCB may well have

saved money, but it has damaged the image of the game in my mind and that of the children I took to Edgbaston. These pupils are, after all, the next generation of cricketers and spectators. Yours sincerely DAVID SMITH, The Barday School, Walkern Road, Stevenage, Hertfordshire.

alters.

This altered time response leads to uncoordinated, arhythmic actions. Muscle can then contract too early or too late, leading to a muscular tear, twisted joint or even fracture. Yours etc. W. LLEWELLYN McKONE

(Registered osteopath).

Wood Green, N22.

14a St Michael's Terrace,

Pain threshold

These reflexes cause the body to naturally protect itself, ie, to guard an injured area. The longer it takes to treat these injuries, the more time the pain threshold in the body

by fax to 071-782 5046. They should include a daytime telephone number.

Growth of Olympics has positive aspects of "old-fashioned" sports ad-

From Mr Peter Coni. OC Sir. The recently published The Lords of the Rings, and a

Sir, Upon reading the resuccession of programmes on tional Olympic Committee. risk giving the public a distorted picture of how the huge commercial and media success of the Olympic Games over the past 10 years is affecting sport worldwide.

We are being presented with "investigative journalism" taken to extremes. The peril of investigative journalism is that the authors start out to establish a preconceived accusation and exclude from their reports anything that might be favourable to the subject of the investigation.

I fully accept that there are reasons for grave concern. The IOC's record on drug testing has been less than impressive. Some efforts of bidding cities to win the Games have been disgraceful, and it is a damning criticism of a number of IOC members that they have

allowed this to occur. But in making these and other criticisms, it cannot be right to ignore the positive results of the commercial, media and publicity mush-rooming of the Olympic Games. The stewards of Henley Royal Regatta today remain an outstanding example

Ukraine ignored

From Mr Oleh A. Szmelskyj Sir, With the winners of eight gold medals in the 1992 European gymnastics championships, and the world record-holder in the pole vault, Sergey Bubka, among them, the 90 or more Ukrainians in the CIS team at the Olympic Games in Barcelona will find the cynicism and hypocrisy of the Olympic movement particularly poignant.

This is because the International Olympic Committee has chosen to ignore the wishes of a nation of 52 million people, when, on December 1, 1991, it voted by over 90 per cent for independence from the other former Soviet republics. The reality of Ukrainian statehood has been recognised by over 110 nations, but not by the IOC, which was prepared only to offer Ukraine and other newly independent former Soviet states "provisional" recognition, provided they agreed to put their statehoods aside and

competed together as a "unified" team for one more time. The Ukrainian parliament asked the IOC for independent Ukrainian participation at the Winter Olympics, but according to the IOC president. Mr Samaranch, there was insufficient time for Ukraine to be accepted as an independent entry, even for Barcelona. He was supported by IOC vice-president, Vitaly Smirnov, former head of the Soviet Olympic Committee, who now also heads the Rus-

sian Olympic Committee. However, lack of time did not prevent Slovenia or Croatia, who attained independence after Ukraine, from being allowed to compete at the Winter Olympics as independent nations, nor did it stop Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania. Perhaps the answer is that politics are still dominant in the Olympic movement. Yours sincerely, OLEH A. SZMELSKYJ,

18 Ermine Street, Huntingdon.

year to agree rule change and to elect people to committees. PETER CONI. Chairman.

Regatta. Regatta Headquarters. Henley-on-Thames, From Mr Andrew Jennings

and Mr Vyv Simson Sir. David Miller's reaction (June 2) to our investigative book about the Olympic movement, The Lords of the Rings, is so comprehensively flawed that it will require another occasion to deal with it in full. but a response is required on some key points.

Miller claims there are more than 90 errors in our book but fails to identify a single one. This is something we are getting used to from some, but not all, sports journalists. They seem embarrassed that a critical work has pitched up on their turf disclosing scandals that they have signally failed to identify over recent years.

We are taken aback by Miller's assertion that we omitted a specific quote from a British IOC member, Mary Glen-Haig. Perhaps she forgets sending us a series of awyers' letters invoking the Copyright Act and demanding that we remove from the manuscript her quotes given to us in a taped interview.

We are also surprised at the statement that Manchester's Olympic bid leader, Bob Scott. worked vigorously to persuade Granada programme controllers to ensure balance" in our two World in Action films based on the book. Mr Scott was invited to appear and declined. Finally, Miller quotes IOC

president Samaranch on his political record under Franco. It is for the people of Spain to judge me." They did. Two years after the collapse

of the Franco regime, on April 23. 1977, 100,000 citizens demonstrated in Barcelona calling for the president of Catalonia to "get out" but in rather stronger terms. The president was Mr Samaranch. In the same spirit of unprejudiced reporting required by Miller, no doubt that last fact also appears in his "authorised biography" of the Olympic leader.

Yours faithfully, ANDREW JENNINGS. YYY SIMSON, 20 Wesley Square, W11.

England get off to record

RUGBY UNION

North Otago. England B ..

FROM DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN OAMARU

start

NEW Zealanders, who usually know to within a point or with their predictions of the result at Centennial Park here yesterday in the opening game of England's development tour. But more pleasing for the touring party were the compliments which flowed after the win by six goals and eight tries

to a try.
"Positive "Positive rugby, good skills," David Bishop the leading New Zealand referee, who handled the match, said "On a dry pitch, they would have been stunning." John Tito, the North Otago coach, said. Even Jack Rowell, the England coach, who is a hard taskmaster as the Bath players know only too well, was delighted that his side had made such an emphatic stan. North Otago, almost the

lowest of the low in representative terms here, offered little beyond gritty determination and mauling skills which drove England back as much as ten or 15 metres at times. As awkward an opponent was the pitch itself, made soggy by overnight rain, but upon which the host union insisted playing a curtain-raiser, which turned the patches of standing water to glutinous mud.

Given the conditions, England's handling and passing were of a remarkably high quality. But the playing surface curtailed ambition and they sensibly drove through their forwards before releasing the backs to make further headway. They drove so well initially that the first three tries came from forwards, Ubogu, Dunn (with the hint of a dummy) and Bayfield making All the advantages of height

England, who may wonder that North Otago took 11 lineouts, though not all of

Both England wings scored three tries, the best of them by Hackney, who did well to keep the ball alive close to the touchline and then scurried round to take an inside pass at pace and tip-toe daintily over the mud to score from 45 metres. There was also creative work in midfield from Thompson and Matthews, who made a confident first appearance in an England B jersey.

SCORERS: North Otago: Try: Lemon. England B: Tries: Hackney (3). Thomeycott (3). Thompson (2), Ubogu (2). Durn, Bayfeld, Childs, Ojomoh. Constructions: Steele (6) NORTH OTASO: A Lemon; S Matthews, J Taelloa, G Hiscoka, R McColl; C Hora, B Stevens; P Rowland, S Curle (capt), J Wilson, S Talenos, G Rose, A Jones, P Mason, A Matthews

Mason, A Middlews, Marchampton, S Hackney (Lecester), G Thompson (Hafeques), G Childs (Waspe), H Thomspool (Hafeques), G Childs (Waspe), H Thomspool (Northampton), N Madhaws (Scuoster), A Kardooni (Lecester); M Hyms (Draft), A Kardooni (Lecester); W Hyms (Draft), M Buyssal (Hateques), C Uhogu (Bait), M Buyssal (Hateques), C Uhogu (Bait), M Bayladd (Northampton), J Cassel (Saracers), S Ojomoh (Bistri) Referee: D Bishop (Southland).

Lawyer resigns over S Africa drug acquittal

A MEMBER of the South African rugby union tribunal which acquitted two players of steroid use said yesterday he had resigned in protest against the decision. Hennie Erasmus's action

criticism of the acquittal of Balie Swart and Elandre van den Bergh on the grounds they may have taken the steroids unknowingly. "They have the steroids in

drugs got into their bodies might be a minigating factor. but it's not an excuse. The New Zealand RU will

From Mr Ben Hertzberg Sir, Mr Austin's letter (June 4) claiming that "top level tennis

Speed of tennis

must be speeded up" surely is ridiculous. Today, tennis fans around the world cry out in favour of players' last-gasp attempts at heroics. With the game being reduced to the 130mph services and widebodied rackets of the Stichs. Beckers, Ivanisevics and Wheatons, will we ever be able to see the natural talent that

In line with his suggestion that professionals should not get so much time to rest, has Mr Austin ever played a fifth set in Australia's sweltering sunshine? Next we'll be told to speed up football games by banning half-times. Yours sincerely, BEN HERTZBERG. 96 Moseley Road.

Fallowfield, Manchester.

made tennis so graceful?

From Mr Ivor Hussey Sir, How timely and wise are Bunny Austin's proposals for speeding up top-level tennis. I strongly endorse his sugges-tion to abolish the sit-down between alternate games and

restore the continuity of play. The centre court programme for Wimbledon on the second Monday of the championships in 1936 (my first visit there) was for three quarter-finals in the men's singles and a mixed doubles. The fourth quarter-final was on court one, with four

Except for the rain stoppage, play was continuous in each match. There were no chairs on court for the players, and the ballboys didn't get drinks. Stamina was high and so was the standard of play. Yours very truly, IVOR HUSSEY, 29 Cricklade Street,

From Mr W. L. McKone Sir. With regard to the repeated, regrettable plight of the footballer, John Barnes, once you have an injury, especially if it is of sudden onset, reflex patterns are set up in the

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Start

Newbury listed prize ROGER Charlton, the Beck-hampton trainer, has fine prospects of winning today's most valuable race, the listed Ballymacoli Stud Stakes at Newbury, with Jezebel Mon-

This beautifully-bred filly, by Lyphard out of a half-sister to Blushing Groom, has already gone close to winning a similar race at the Berkshire

That was when she was runner-up in the Vodafone Group Trial Stakes, beaten only a neck by Saratoga Source, who was far from disgraced in last Saturday's Oaks, considering that she probably found the trip too

With Mystery Play and Delve finishing third and fourth respectively in the Newbury race, the form looks

Mystery Play had previous-ly finished third behind All At Sea and Armarama in the Pretty Polly Stakes at Newmarket while Delve has already gone on to win a competitive conditions race at Nottingham.

The form line involving Armarama and Mystery Play also points to Jezebei Monroe

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3.45 JEZEBEL

2.00 Foolish Touch. 2.35 BOLD MEMORY

Researd number. Onew in brackets. Six-figure form (F - left. F -- pulled up. U -- unseated rider. integl race). Going on which horse has won B -- brought down. S -- sitped up. F -- refused. (F -- firm, good to firm, hard. G -- good. D -- dequalitied). Horse's name. Days since last S -- soft, good to act, hasvy). Owner in suffice J It sumps. F if Sat. (B -- blinkers. brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider winner. D -- decance winner. CD -- course and riendicepper's rating.

DRAW; HIGH NUMBERS HAVE SLIGHT ADVANTAGE UP TO 1M STRAIGHT

2.00 CORK GULLY APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£3,318: 1m str) (8 runners)

BETTING: 7-2 Camden's Rensom, 4-1 Charming Gift, 9-2 Foolish Touch, 5-1 Strong Suit, 11-2 Mulciber, 5-1 Aerdverk, 5-1 Shot Bioppler, 10-1 Keep Your Word. 1991: FOOLISH TOUCH 9-5-4 A Spence (4-1) W Museon 9 ren

FORM FOCUS

STRONG SUIT 12 7th of 11 to Sharpitor in Haydock (1m, good to firm) handicap. AARDVARK 24th 3rd of 17 to Sersh-Clere in Severey (1m 2f, good)

Fame neck in 18-runner Beth (1m, firm) handicap. AARDVARK 24th 3rd of 17 to Sersh-Clere in Severey (1m 2f, good)

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TOUCH 48 sh of 14 to Go Executive in Epoem (7).

Goodhood (1m 1), good to firm) handicap with
MULCHSER 11WI 10m; previously best Eternal

Selection: CAMDEN'S RANSOM

FORM FOCUS

BOLD MEMORY 1/21 2nd of 5 to Veltmont in Kempton (St. good) stakes race on perultimete start. SUNDAY'S HILL 7/41 5th of 8 to Garah in stakes race over course and distance (good) in October. JIG-SAW BOY 1/41 3nd of 11 to Gitalyoon in Bath (5/4 good) handicap, Mill.AGRO best 50 Rhythmical hid to 7-tunieur Goodwood (6/8), good to firm) handicap. TRUTHFUL IMAGE 11/41 10th. TRUTHFUL IMAGE 11/41 10th. TRUTHFUL IMAGE 41 3nd of 7-to Taufun Bu in Newcestle (6/4, good to firm) handicap on penultimete. Selection: WINDPOWER

COURSE SPECIALISTS

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2.35 GEORGE SMITH MEMORIAL HANDICAP

TRAINERS - Winners Runners Per cent

(3-Y-O: £5,253: 8f 8yd) (10 runners)

3.45 Solar Star. 4.20 Manila Bay. 4.55 Chaddleworth.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Foolish Touch. 2.35 Truthful Image

MERCARIN

Jezebel Monroe to take

MICHAEL PHILLIPS holding Feminine Wiles and

Cottonwood Ferninine Wiles finished two-and-a-half lengths behind Armarama in the Musidora Stakes at York before she and Cottonwood then finished fifth and ninth respectively in the Italian Oaks.

From four entries, Barry Hills has decided to rely upon Yildiz. Second first time out at Newmarket, she again had to be content with the runnerup slot at Chester when she was beaten a length by Hatta's Mill in a maiden.

Since then, her stable has been under a bit of a cloud and completely out of form. In any event, Yildiz does not look capable of beating a filly of Jezebel Monroe's proven ability at level weights. Binevah was a comfortable

winner of a bad race at Yarmouth eight days ago and would need to improve while Solar Fan, a speedy two-yearold, has not run since July and may need the race Gong, the only other runner, returned home with sore Sandown in the first race that User Friendly won and does not look good enough.

Chariton can initiate a double in the Coopers and Lybrand Summer Handicap with Incheailloch, who can take his revenge on Poinciana, the pair having finished third and second respectively behind Belgran over today's course and distance last month.

Now the handicapper has allowed Inchcailloch a pound for three-quarters of a length. In hindsight, Pat Eddery may well have come from too far



Chariton: fancied to land valuable Newbury double

RICHARD EVANS

2.35 BOLD MEMORY

going for Incheailloch to beat Poinciana this time, I am taking that stance. Either way there should be little in it.

Windpower, my choice for the George Smith Memorial Handicap, is entitled to the benefit of the doubt regarding his bad run at Newmarket last month because it coincided with the problems which beset Jack Berry's normally successful yard.

The time before, Windpower had been in com-manding form at Pontefract and he is preferred now that the Cockerham string is back in the groove.

At the end of the programme, the Kingsclere Stakes and the EBF Kennett Maiden Stakes can go to Ma-nila Bay and Chaddleworth, two well-bred newcomers who have been entered for some of the season's most prestigious juvenile prizes. Michael Bell makes no

secret about his regard for Manila Bay, while Chaddleworth is a half-brother to the high-class French horse Persepolis and represents the Derby-winning partnership of Peter Chapple-Hyam and John Reid.

Dunlop's filly to fly flag in **France**

OUMALDAAYA, who sidestepped the Gold Seal Oaks. is the only British filly left in the Prix de Diane Hermes (French Oaks) at Chantilly on Sunday.

After yesterday's forfeit stage, there were 14 acceptors, although there is a supplementary stage today. John Dunlop's Lupe Stakes vinner will be ridden by Wilhe Carson and among those expected to take her on are

the first four home in last

month's Prix Saint-Alary -

Rosefinch, Jolypha, Verveine and Trishyde. - Yesterday's withdrawals induded Culture Vulture, winner of the French 1.000 Guineas, who will instead contest the Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot on Wednesday when she will renew rivalry

Guineas winner. Culture Vulture finished fifth to Hatoof in the English 1,000 Guineas, more than nine lengths behind runner up Mariing.

with Marling, the Irish 1,000

FRENCH DAKS ACCEPTURS: Alnown Peace, Cattermole, Decoded Al, Gerendere, Good To Dance, Gustaine, Hasanati, Johybat, Ourneldasya, Rose-font, Sheba Dancer, Tristryde, Urban Sea, Verveine

CHEPSTOW

THUNDERER 9.00 Queen's Tickle.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:

ANDICAP (£1,506.11 1970) (5.6.10 1970) (6.6.120 1.005 CORRIN HILL 13 (D.F.G) B His 5-120 1.005 CORRIN HILL 13 (D.F.G) B His 5-120 1.005 CORRIN HILL 13 (D.F.G) B His 6-120 1.005 CORRIN HILL 17 (C.D.F.G).8) R Baker 6-120 1.005 CR Ferrant 9

7.00 TARMAC CONSTRUCTION HANDICAP (£2,442: 1m 14yd) (23)

Arazi given all clear for British debut at Ascot

his wonder-horse status when he joins a glittering array of stars at Royal Ascot next

The French colt was yesterday given the go-ahead to display his talents before British racegoers for the first time in the St James's Palace Stakes on Tuesday.

Weeks of speculation about the François Boutin-trained colt's next race were ended by an announcement from Anthony Stroud, racing manager to part-owner Shaikh Mohammed. Arazi, rated the outstand-

ing European two-year-old of recent times after his breathtaking Breeders' Cup Juvenile triumph, was a big disap-pointment in his latest race. Sent back over the Atlantic

to contest last month's Kentucky Derby at the request of his other owner. Allen Paulson, he finished only eighth. Many observers felt that

Cauthen: rides Arazi in St James's Palace Stakes Arazi failed to stay the oneand-a-quarter mile trip at Churchill Downs so it is no surprise that he switches back to a mile for the Ascot race.

Arazi's trip to England goes ahead despite an unconvincing workout on the Chantilly training grounds yesterday. Steve Cauthen, his Ascot jockey, said: "He worked well ably more relaxed than usual because of the fog. and dropped his bit during the gallop. "He worked well enough. but it's not possible to say whether he's back to the form he showed before the Kentucky Derby, when he was

really flying.

No decision has yet been made as to whether Rodrigo De Triano will take on Arazi but he is likely be left in the race at today's five-day stage.

Peter Chapple-Hyam is waiting to see how Robert Sangster's colt recovers from his exertions in last week's Derby, where he finished a disappointing ninth.

Anticipating that the dual 2.000 Guineas winner will run. Hills have introduced match betting on the pair. regardless of where they finish, and offer: 8-13 Arazi, 5-4 Rodrigo De Triano. Should either horse not run, all match bets will be void.

6.30 Profit A Prendre. 7.00 Charmed Knave. 7.30 Echo-Logical. 8.00 Spectacular Dawn. 8.30 Toledo Queen. 9.00 Idir Linn.

6.30 Profit A Prendre. 7.00 Charmed Knave. 7.30 Echo-Logical. 8.00 Tiger Claw. 8.30 Toledo Queen.

Richard Evans: 7.00 Lucky Noire.

7.30 ECHO-LOGICAL

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.30 ORSINO AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (£1,982: 71 18yd) (22 runners)

3 9-51 MARTINOSKY 12 (F,G) W Wightman 6-11-10

3 0-51 MARTINOSKY 12 (F,S) W Wightman 8-11-10
Maryann Clark 11
4 9900 ERRIS EXPRESS 51 (D,F,G) J Moore 7-11-2
Denise Pomeroy (3) 21
5 0-05 SUSANNA'S SECRET 9 (B,D,F) W Carter 5-11-1
Yvonna Haynes 15
6 820- NAVARESQUE 226 (D,F,G) R Hodges 7-11-0
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7 -005 PROFIT A PRENDRE 16 (BP,CD,F,G,S) D Wisson 5-11-0
Jano Alison 22
8 000- MORIE LARICS 212 M James, 4-10-11. Lym Walson 2
9 0-33 BILL MOON 16 (D,F) P Felden 8-10-11 Julie Prilden 310 3/0-0 YOUNG INDIA 13.J (F,G) D Burchel 6-10-8
Millies (3) 10
11 0-03 ORCHARD BAY 44 (F) D R Yucker 3-10-7

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22 1000 RAG TIME BELLE 12 (F) M Eckley 5-7-7 Gee Armytage 19 9-2 Chermed Knave, 5-1 Person Dynasty. 13-2 Scarlet Pri 15-2 Prime Mover, 8-1 Lucky Noire, 10-1 Indian Slave

7,30 GARDEN FESTIVAL CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O £1.548 5! 16yd) (8)

1 2-20 ECHO-LOGICAL 47 (CD.S) J Berry 9.7 Pat Eddery 2 0000 INJAICA BOY 12 (V) K White B.7 N Adams 4 3-6 BEVELED EDGE 25 B PARing 8-2 J Williams 5 04-0 BET. THORN 12 J Bridger 8-0 Williams 8 1030 SAVALARO 9 (D.S) J Fitch Heyes 7 12 A Maskay 7 4456 SHOCKING TIMES 19 R Serpson 7-12 A Tucker (5-6 8 800 SPAREATHOUGHT 16 C Alen 7-12 G Bardwell 5 Control of the control 8-11 Echo-Logical, 7-2 Savalaro, 7-1 Shocking Times 10-1 Rivet, 20-1 others

8.00 WORTHINGTON BEST BITTER

ANDICAP (£2,337 1m ≥r 30yu) (10)

1 032- MUIZENBERG 33J J Edwards 5-10-0 D Harrison (5) 7

2 2-00 BEUA FLOR 31 (F) F Jordan 5-9-12 W Newmas 10

3 3330 TIGER CLAW 13 (BF,F) R Hodges 6-9-6 R Cockrane 6

4 -081 BPECTACULAR DAWN 19 (D.F) J Dunleg 3-9-6

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5 0030 HILLS OF HOY 29 (D,F) K Bainy 694. J Roled 5 0240 MERRY MARIGOLD 29 (8) J Roberts 694. J Roled 7 0533 FAMOUS BEAUTY 13 (C,F,G) R Hollenberts 59-1 D Carson (7) 5 8 -500 SYSTEMATIC 10 R Hannen 3-8-12. M Roberts 15 40 09-0 SYRTEMATIC 10 R Hannen 3-8-12. M Roberts 15 10 09-0 SYRTEMATIC 10 R Hannen 3-8-11. A Clerk 13 11 1032 PRIEMIER DANCE 19 (0) 0 Haydn Jones 5-8-10 A Mayor 5 12 06/0/ EMRYS 582 (D.G.S) D Burchell 98-10 K Ruther (5) 13 0-00 SAM THE MAN 14 (D.S) , Fritch-Heyes 5-8 9

13 0-00 SAM THE MAN 14 (D,8) J FRIENT-RY85 549
A Mackey 2
14 00-0 HEAD TURNER 19 C Wildman 4-8-5 C Rutter 12
15 0000 GIVE ME HOPE 12 G Yardiev 4-8-3 J Quisa 14
16 -500 ELECKYDO 31 R Hodges 3-8-2 F F Norton (3)
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2: 8 Speciaculer Dawn, 4-1 Premor Danco, 5-1 Famous Seatury
11-2 Tiges Claw, 8-1 Hills Of Hoy, 12-1 Systematic, 16-1 others 8.30 EBF OLIVIA MAIDEN FILLIES

STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,920; 6f 16yd) (17)

7-2 Bright Generation, 9-2 Toledo Queen, 5-1 Gold Tassel, 13-2 Gloddaeth Isa, 8-1 Forrytke, 10-1 Cresuve Flair, 12-1 others

9.00 GOOD NIGHT HANDICAP

21,765: 01 10yG) (10)

1 2030 LUNA BID 8 (D,F,G,S) M Blanshard 99-13. J Reid 15
2 000- AMETHYSTINE 233 (C,F,G) R Hodges 69-12

3 0585 BALLAD DANCER 10 (D,G,S) E Aleton 7-53
4 -350 CLD COMRADES 21 (F,G) L Cotters 5-9-2 T Rogers 6
5 0006 FAY EDEN 9 (D,G) R Hodges 45-13. T Curinn 7
6 4-50 PROUD BRIGADIER 38 (D,G) W Curier 48-13
7 0005 DUREN'S TICKLE 5 (B,D,E) A Janvis 3-8-5

7 0005 QUEEN'S TICKLE 5 (B,D,F) A Jarvis 3-8-6 S Whitneyer 6 8 6500 PREPARE 7 (B,F) R Holder 4-8-6... J Williams 11 9 4610 MY RUBY RING 14 (BF,D,F) D Lang 5-8-6 T Williams 9

10 0500 MISS BELL RINGER 35 (D,F) C Hai 4-6 - D Biggs (3) 11 -002 IDIR LIMN 9 (B) D Martey-Smith 4-6 - C Rutter 14 12 5805 DOMIANA 9 M Blancherd 4.7-10. J Quinn 5 13 000- NIKKI DOW 227 (D,F,S) P Howing 5.7-9 F Norton (3) 10 4 0432 INSWINGER 82 (BF,D) W Wightman 8.7-8 (3) 15 0-000 KIRRIEMUIR 20 (F) K Cunningham-Brown 4.7-7 N Cartasti 13 18 000/5 WESREX MILIORD 20 J Benneti 7.7-7 18 000/8 WESSEX MILORD 20 J Bennett 7-7-7
Dave Baking (7) 3

11-4 kdir Lmr, 6-1 Ballad Dancer, 7-1 My Ruby Ring, Inswinger, 8-1 Old Comrades, 9-1 Domiana, 10-1 Lune Bid, 14-1 others. **COURSE SPECIALISTS**

TRAINERS: D Lang, 4 winners from 21 runners, 19 0%, D Wisson, 4 from 21, 19 0%, B Hills, 8 from 44, 18 2%; R Hadges, 13 from 76, 17 1%, G Harwood, 5 from 30, 15 7%, D Murray-Smith, 5 from 30, 16 7% JOCKEYS: M Roberts, 9 winners from 25 tiples, 36 0%, T Sprake, 9 from 39, 23,1%, D Harnson, 3 from 14, 21 4%, R Cockrane, 4 from 19, 21 1%, Pat Eddery, 6 from 34, 17 6%, J Reid, 11 from 81, 13 6%

CONTRACTOR FOR THE SECOND THUNDERER MANDARIN 2.25 Duchess De Belfort

35.3 20.6 12.5 12.3 11.8 11.0

2.25 Dailysportdutch.
3.00 Our Rita.
3.30 Blue Sea.
4.00 Drummer Hicks.
4.30 Philgun.
5.05 Affair Of Honour. 3.00 Murray's Mazda. 3.30 Wellington Rock. 4.00 Khazar. 4.30 Batabanoo. 5.05 Luks Akura. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.30 WELLINGTON ROCK (nap).

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST 2.25 ALMADA MAIDEN CLAIMING GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (2-Y-O: £1,932: 5f 4yd) (7 runners)

1991; SHE'S SPECIAL 8-3 A Mackey (5-2) J Payrie 7 ran

3.00 STONEFIELD SELLING STAKES (£2,206: 6f 5yd) (6 runners) The second of th SETTING: 2-1 Murray's Mazde, 11-4 Our Rute, 7-2 Cashtel Queen, 6-1 Lembard Ocean, 7-1 Agwa, 14-1 France Ann, 1991: DOWN THE MIDDLE 3-9-1 G Carter (11-4 tav) J Berry 11 ran

3.30 HIGH PARK MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (3-Y-O: £2,072: 1m 65yd) (5 runners)

BETTING: 8-4 Blue Sea, 2-1 Wellington Rock, 7-2 Canasn Lane, 12-1 Ebony Isle, 14-1 Cumbrisn Classic. 1991: RICHMOND 8-8 L Charmock (10-1) J Washwright 9 ran

3.10 coopers & lybrand summer handicap

BETTING: 31 Inchestioch, 7-2 Poinciena, 5-1 Valeeur, 11-2 Stani, 6-1 Sedier's Way, 10-1 Jupiter Moon, 12-Regal Lover, 14-1 Judge And Jury. 1991: ROBERTY LEA 7-5 J Fenning (6-1) T Fairburst 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

INCHCAILLOCH beat Viva Dering 2½ in 9-runner Heydock (1m 21 110yd, good to soft) meiden on penutifimete start. STAN1 11 8th of 19 to Ecliptic in York (1m 11, good) handicap.

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3.45 BALLYMACOLL STUD STAKES

1 SINEYAH 8 (6) (M Al Maktoum) M Stouts 8-9 Pat Eddary 90 0-10 COTTONWOOD 18 (0,43) (Lord Carnervon) Lord Huntingson 8-9 L Dettor 87 21-9846 PEMININE WILES 18 (6) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyem 8-9 Paul Eddary 9-95 00 CONG 48 (A Outery) P Walwyn 6-9 Paul Eddary 9-95 00 CONG 48 (A Outery) P Walwyn 6-9 Paul Eddary 9-95 12 JEZEBSL MONROE 27 (D,8) (S Niarchos) R Charlion 8-9 W R Swinburn 9-115- SOLAR STAR 388 (F,6) (F Salman) M Sell 8-9 W R Swinburn 9-0 3-42 YILDIZ 57 (S Minc) B Hills 5-8 M Hills 8-9 SETTING: 9-4 Jezebel Monroe, 11-4 Bineyeh, 7-2 Ferninine Wiles, 6-1 Soler Star, 7-1 YEdz, 8-1 Cottorwo 20-1 Gong.

1991: OCEAN AIR 8-9 5 Cauthen (4-1) H Cool 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

BINEYAH best Blushing Storm 8 in 6-runner Yer-mouth (1m 31 101yd, good) melden. COTTON-WOOD best Sintrey Visionther 19 in 14-runner Sandown (1m 21, good) steiden on penultimeter start. FEMININE WILES 45½ 5th of 13 10 ivyanne in group Cottonwood 7th 9th, JEZEBEL MONROE na

4.20 KINGSCLERE STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,162: 6f 8yd) (8 runners)

1991; LAST EXIT 8-6 W Carson (100-30) W Jarvis 6 ran

FORM FOCUS WHITE CROWN beat Ten To Six 161 in 14-runner
Redesr (St, firm) maiden. BAGALINO (baled Mer
13) by Lypherd, is a brother to Group M Langushira
Deks winner Andalesb.
MANILA BAY (Feb 11, cost 965,000) half-brother by
Manila to a spirit winner in France. PERFECT
HALO (Mar 20, \$180,000) half-brother by Halo to a

4.55 EBF KENNETT MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,817: 6f 8yd) (7 runners) B01 (2) BAULKRIG TOWERS (Fox and Heands Recing) M McCormack 9-0 W Newnes — 602 (8) CHADDLEWORTH (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyem 9-0 J Raid — 503 (8) COLONIAL HEIGHTS (A Budge Ltd) R Harmon 9-0 Pat Eddary — 504 (4) CONTRACT COURT (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 9-0 P T Cutinn — 605 (1) FINAVON 28 (F Mellon) I Baiding 9-0 R Cochrant — 606 (3) NEEDLE GUN (S Maners) C Brittain 9-0 R Cochrant — 607 (7) RUSTY RAIA (P Savi) R Harmon 9-0 W R Swindown — BETTING: 9-4 Chaddleworth, 3-1 Colonial Heights, 4-1 Needle Gun, 6-1 Rusty Raje, 8-1 Finavon, 12-1 Saudkeng Towers, 16-1 Contract Court.

1991: JITTERBUGGING 8-11 D Hotend (9-1) B Hills 14 nan

FORM FOCUS

CHADDLEWORTH (fosled Apr 17, cost \$2,000gns) hull-brother by Ahonoora to Persepolis, a winner at up to 1m 3f and 4th in the Derby. COLONIAL HEIGHTS (Feb 15, 18,000gns) half-brother by Colomore flow to Al Sharry, winner of 3 races at up to 1m 4f.

CONTRACT COURT (May 17, \$30,000) half-brother by Colomore flow to Al Sharry, winner of 3 races at up to 1m 4f.

CONTRACT COURT (May 17, \$30,000) half-brother

4.00 P&O CONTAINERS SCOTLAND HANDICAP (3-Y-O; £3,003: 1m 1f 36yd) (5 runners)

Long handicap: See Dee Elf 7-5, Brilliam Disguise 7-0
BETTING: 6-4 Eid, 3-1 Drummer Hicks, 4-1 Khazzir, 7-1 Bee Dee Ell, 16-1 Brilliam Disguise.
1991: DAWN GREY 8-11 J Bleasdale (11-2) C Thomton 9 ran

4.30 EXTEL FINANCIAL SYSTEMS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,880: 1m 3f 16yd) (8 runners) M Birch @ 99 BETTING: 5-2 Philipun, 7-2 Batebanco, 9-2 Shakala, B-1 Great Max, 7-1 Sir Norman Holt, 10-1 Anguish, 12-1 Glowing Davil, 20-1 Pair Flyez 1991; NODDLE 9-4 D Nicholls (5-1) L Lungo 11 ran

5.05 CLYDE HANDICAP (£2,304: 1m 5f 9yd) (5 runners) 1 (4) 660235- AFFAIR OF HONOUR 15J (F) (R Maharard) J O'Nedl 4-9-12 ... — A Dobbin (7) 88
2 (2) 08-0520 HAMILTON LADY 31 (Haydock Exhibitions) D Molfait 47-10... Darran Molfait (7) 98
3 (5) 438-813 RACING RASKAL 13 (F) (Mrs G Rees) Capt J Wilson 5-7-8 J Lowe 98
4 (1) 000/00 MUST BE MAGICAL 5 (F Lee) F Lee 4-7-8 N Kennedy (5) 86
5 [3] 604001 LUKS AKURA 5 (V,F) (Luks Ind Co (UK) Ltd) M Johnston 4-7-7 (4ea) M Baird (7) 99

Long handicap: Luks Akura 7-6 (4ex) BETTING: 11-10 Luks Akura, 3-1 Racing Raskal, 4-1 Attair Of Honour, 7-1 Hantiton Lady. 16-1 Must Be Magical. 1991: WORTH OF MELTHAM 4-8-11 J Quant (14-1) D Moffatt 8 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS JOCKEYS 25.0 23.1 19.9 16.7 14.9 11.6 32.1 R Havin 28.6 B Raymond 18.6 I Compi 18.2 Dean McKeown 17.6 J Francing 17.1 G Duffield (Not including last right's results) ☐ Time's Arrow gave Newmarket | Selling Stakes at Southwell yesterday. trainer Giles Bravery his first Flat | Bravery succeeded Lord John Fitzwinner in the Bass Leisure S1A | Gerald at Albert House Stables.

Roberts goes five ahead in title race

MICHAEL Roberts extended his lead over Pat Eddery at the top of the jockeys' championship to five with a 70½-1 double at Beverley yesterday afternoon on Don't Run Me Over and Kalko.

Don't Run Me Over had failed to reach the first four in seven previous outings but the 12-1 shot ran out a comfortable two-length win-ner of the Gelder & Kitchen Centenary Sprint Handicap for Roberts and Burton-on-Trent trainer Barry Morgan. Roberts had to work harder

on the Clive Brittain-trained Kalko in the Polygon Quality Management Maiden Stakes but got up in the closing stages to collar long-time leader Music In My Life. Another jockey in double form was Frankie Denori who won the first race at

and flew on to Beverley for the ride on Luca Cumani's newcomer Sheriffmuir. By Shirley Heights out of Tanan Pimpernel, Sheriffmuir is entered for the St Leger and looked destined for better things after his fourlength success in the New

University Maiden Stakes. Mark Birch proved the perfect partner for Milanese. a notoriously difficult ride, when making all on the David Morley-trained filly in the University of Humberside

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Beverley Going: good to firm (becaming lirm) 2.00 (51) 1, Coconut Johnny IX Fallon, 45 tay); 2, Dead Calm (9-4), 3, Bluebella (33-1) 6 nan NPL Very Raity 1 1/1, 11 G Moore Tote: £1 70, £1.10, £1.60 DF £1 70 CSF: 33 12.

Moore Tote: £1 70, £1.10, £1.80 OF £1 70 CSF £3 12.
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Placepot: £50.00. Evening results, page 35 Blinkered first time

NEWBURY: 235 Trove HAMILTON PARK: 400 Etcl CHEPSTOW: 700 Rena 7.30 Rivel 8.00 St Athans Lad 9.00 Gueen's Tickle, Prepare, lon Linn ☐ The advance official going for the Royal Ascot meeting

which begins next Tuesday is

☐ Coconut Johnny, trained at Middleham by George Moore, failed to attract a single bid after gaining his second success in the European Business and Management Selling Stakes at Beverley yesterday.



Reviving spirit

of Olympics in

Marshall achieves final objective

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

SOUTHAMPTON (Somerset won toss): Hampshire beat Somerset by six wickets

AFTER shredding the nerves and patience of their supporters for 25 years without reaching a single knockout cup final. Hampshire are now treating it almost as commonplace. They will play in their third final in five seasons, at Lord's on July 11. after disposing of Somerset yesterday with the minimum of fuss.

The surprise side of the Benson and Hedges competition this season. Somerset were nothing if not combative and, even when all logically looked lost, their bowling, much their stronger suit, kept the game alive for a sunbathing full house of 5,500.

Ultimately, they were simply outclassed by the team which must now be thought the best in the country at this form of the game. A target of 219, on the usual blameless pitch at Northlands Road, was never likely to extend Hampshire and Paul Terry, in his first senior game since dislocating a thumb three weeks ago, batted coolly through the innings for 89 as the target was reached with 11 balls in hand.

There will have been no happier man in the south of England last night than Malcolm Marshall. It was an ambition of his to play in a Lord's final when he made his Hampshire debut, on this ground and in a snowstorm,

13 years ago. For all his global achievements since, the ambition remains unfulfilled. Yesterday was his fifth semi-final but his first win, and the tears of dejection which accompanied the most recent defeat were replaced by that familiarly broad, Bajan grin.

Marshall has had better days with the ball - he conceded ten in wides and noballs — but his early spell was still crucial.

Somerset are an inexperienced side with the bat these days and if they were to test Hampshire, who are decidedly not, they needed a fluent start. Marshall ensured they were never on terms. Lathwell, despite his youth,

is the man to whom Somerset now look for momentum. Marshall, prancing in at full throttle, undid him in his second over, exploring his mettle with a flerce short one which took the edge from a bat flung high in self-defence. Aymes held a good, tumbling catch down the leg side.

Starting his fifth over, Marshall had still not conceded a i mom the ba inflicted more pain, this time physically, when he forced Hayhurst to retire with a badly bruised finger. He did re-

SOMERRET
A N Hayburst o Jesses b Connor...
M N Lathwell c Aymes b Marghell .
R J Harden b Maru
C J Taverè c Maru b Connor ...
K H MacLeay c Smith b Udal ...
(B D Rose c Gower b Connor ...
TN D Burns not out
R P Snell c Gower b Connor ...
N A Matlender run out

as (fb 7, w 12, nb 3)

Total (8 wkds, 55 overs) 218
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9 2-29 3-75 4-85 5107 6-179 7-186 8-215.

BOWLING, Marshell 11-3-37-1; Conner 11-3-32-4; Maru 11-1-26-1; Jumes 11-0-58-0; Udal 11-0-58-1.

turn at the fall of the fourth wicket, but this was disruption of a kind Somerset could not easily withstand.

Nicholas habitually employs his slow bowlers early and Maru struck in his second over, the fourteenth of the innings, hitting Harden's off stump as he swept. Tavaré felt obliged to drop anchor and, at the halfway point, Somerset had crawled to 59 for two, but the captain's stand of 46 with Macleay was vital in steadying the ship.

Connor, who took wickets each time Nicholas turned to him, removed Tavarê through a sharp slip catch. but this brought in Rose to play the violent innings demanded if this was to be a contest.

Rose's 65 came from 61 balls and, of his three sixes, two were struck off Udal from successive balls. The last, a massive straight drive, soared out of the ground during an over from James which cost

Connor's final return again did the trick for Hampshire, Gower taking two catches in the over at mid-on to dismiss Rose and Snell, and although Burns continued to bat with energy and innovation to the end. Somerset were 30 runs short of par.

They received instant encouragement when Middleton, whose run-flood has dried up a touch, edged Mallender to second slip in the first over.

Smith, bowever, is a massively reassuring figure for Hampshire, and he took on the scoring duties while Terry batted passively.

Having pulled his first ball

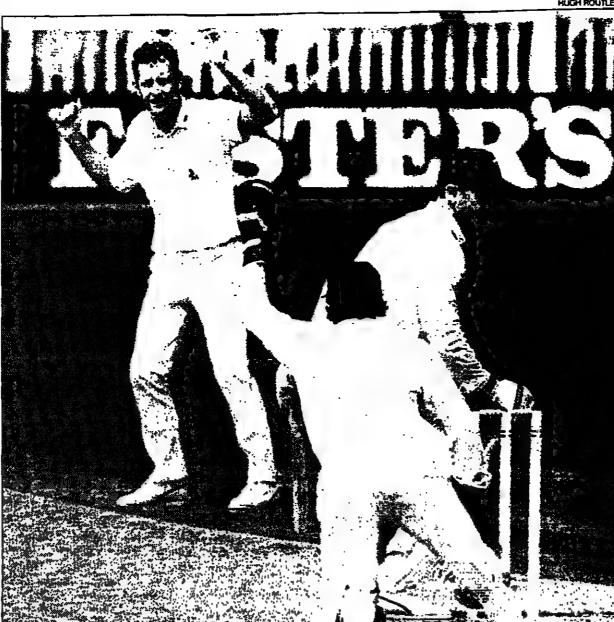
for four, Terry added only nine runs in the next 18 overs, yet gave the impression he had the situation in hand. He was dropped once, by Tavare off Snell, and as he had made only ten at the time, it arguably cost Somerset their chance.

Smith was never out for fewer than 50 in Hampshire's run to the NatWest Trophy last year and he only fell six runs short here through a run-out, Terry sending him back as he called a single to mid-wicket from the non-striker's end.

Gower arrived with 133 still needed in the second haif of the innings and made the asking rate look trivial, as

His 42 was decorated with exquisite shots and, true to character, terminated by a casual one. Nicholas's quick exit produced a minor tremor but Terry was more than

have put back the announcement of the team for the second Test against Pakistan from Friday to Sunday.



On his way: Brown, the Surrey batsman, is caught behind by Marsh off the bowling of Davis yesterday

Kent survive to return to Lord's

CANTERBURY (Surrey won toss): Kent beat Surrey by 2

KENT are back at Lord's for a final for the first time since 1986, beating Surrey by two wickets in an unbelievably tense, low-scoring match. They made seriously hard work of it, winning with one ball to spare as Surrey de-fended ther low total with some good bowling of their

Even allowing for conditions giving bowlers some help in the morning, Kent bowled quite splendidly to leave Stewart's decision to bat in the morning first very questionable. They batted as if in the grip of collective hysteria. batsman after batsman committing suicide with a succession of bad shots when they seemed set to see their side home, even Hooper and Fleming finally succumbing to the dementia when glory SOUTHAMPTON SCOREBOARD

beckoned. It made for an enthralling A Smith run out 99
A Smith run out 94
D i Gower c Hayman b Rose 42
A C J Micholas b Rose 7
K D James not out 13
Extras (fb 12 w 2 nb 9) 23
Total (4 wits, 83.1 overs) game for a packed, ultimately delirious, crowd. There was even a streaker, but, it being Canterbury, a modest Total (4 wids, 63.1 overs) 219
M D Marshall, †A N Aymes, S D Udel, R J
Maru, C A Connor did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS; 1-6, 2-86, 3-170, 4streaker, the man keeping his briefs on throughout his

cavortings. For much of the Surrey innings Kent seemed to have things completely under con-

did both openers, Igglesden and Ealham, bowl their eleven overs straight off, but so dld the two spinners.

With Igglesden and Ealham bowling deverly to exploit the conditions, that unusual tactic, possibly unique, worked splendidly for a time. David Bicknell fell to an authentic, but uppish cut, a shot whch also undid Lynch, Hooper taking an excellent head high catch at first slip.

Ealham could not find the ace or bounce of Igglesden, but his changes of pace and little movement were deceptive enough to unsettle the batsmen. Stewart, who survived a very confident appeal for a catch at gully first ball, was deceived by a slower ball, clipping it to mid-on.

Then Ward was beaten by a hall which left him, leaving Surrey at 47 for four off their

CANTERBURY SCOREBOARD

first 20 overs, with a lot resting on Thorpe. He responded doggedly as Hooper and Davis took over, conscious of the responsibility on his shoulders, taking few chances, and keeping the score moving along mainly in ones and twos, pushing 29 singles in

Brown kept him company for a while, and then Feltham came in to show more aggression as Davis and Hooper in their turn finished their allot-

Kent's tactic had succeeded, but it left a lot of responsibility on McCague and Fleming. Had Fleming not misjudged two lofted drives from Feltham in Davis's final over and McCague not mixed in a rash of full-tosses with an Otherwise impeccable and length, it might have worked triumphantly.

But although the two third-

T R Ward flow b M P Sicknell . M J McCaque not out Extras (b 3, ib 7, w 8) BOWLING: M P Bicknes 10 5-2-24-2; Benjamin 11-2-25-1; Feitham 11-0-47-1; Kendrick 11-0-47-2; Boiling 11-0-46-2; Umpirau, R Palmer and B Dudleston

change bowlers picked up their quota of wickets, Flem-ing achieving a personal best two for 32 in the competition. in a low scoring game the balance swung imperceptibly as Thorpe and the tail took the score towards 200, and then Bicknell and Benjamin in their turn put Kent's batsmen under pressure. Bicknell, who had taken a

McCague full toss on the hand, bowled with vim, trapping Ward half forward, and conceding only 13 runs in his

first eight overs. When Kendrick replaced him, Benson became increasingly bogged down, and for a time Kent fell behind Surrey's early slow progress.

Then came Hooper. Batting with an ease nobody else peared set to guide Kent home with some comfort. But once Taylor, who had batted with solid good sense, had been spectacularly snapped up by Stewart, a collective death wish settled on the Kent

Cowdrey succumbed to a poor shot; Hooper, after reaching his 50 from 46 balls, top edged a sweep. When Marsh was adjudged lbw to leave Kent 139 for 6, their hopes looked slim, but Fleming led the recovery. After he too holed out, with 16 runs still needed off 16 balls, McCague completed

Morris men edge their way to trophy final

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

FINE bowling displays from Steve Bastien and Steve Barwick took Glamorgan into the final of the Tilcon

Trophy with an eight-run win over Yorkshire at Harrogate

and Sachin Tendulkar. Tendulkar was top scorer for the home side with 40, but this occupied 101 balls with only three boundaries. He fell to one of two superb catches

Bastien took the final wicket to finish with four for 29 in

Glamorgan had slumped going by Hugh Morris, their opener, who batted for 51 overs in making the top score of 82 from 165 balls with ten fours to earn the man-of-the-

Glamorgan meet Sussex. who beat Durham by 37 runs on Tuesday, in the final today.

GLAMORGAN

S P James b Gough

H Morris c Pickles b Robinson

D I Hemp c Moxon b Pickles

M P Meynerd b Pickles

P A Cottey Rev b Pickles

S Dhamren c Tenchikar b Gough

T D B Croft c Tendulkar b Robinson

S L Walten c Kellett b Robinson

S L Walten c Kellett b Robinson

S R Barnen, c Pickles b Robinson

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Extras (b 4, w 2, bb 2)

581, 5-155, 7-168, 8-166, 9-175, BOWLING Robinson 8-3-2-27-5; Gough 10-2-39-2 Prickles 8-2-28-3, Tendukar 6-2-29-0 Batty 11-2-32-0; Grayson 11-2-33-0 VORNICEHINE

**M D Moxon Ibw b Bastien 14
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D Byas c James b Barvick 37
S R Tendukar c Metson b Watkin 40
†R J Blakey Ibw b Dhamram 37
S R Tendukar c Metson b Watkin 16
C Whate c Maynard b Watkin 16
C S Pickles c James b Barvick 9
D Gough c Cottey b Bastien 5
D Batty b Barvick 22
M A Robinson b Bastien 0 Extras (lb 7, w 6)

FALL OF WICKETS 1-24, 2-28, 3-88, 4 104, 5-130, 6-135, 7-149, 8-155, 9-186

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Chester-le-Street: Durham 230 (J. A. Daley 108, N. A. Derbyshire 5-41) and 18-0; Lancashire 43-2 (D. J. Callaghan 184, R. Cirani 118; S. M. McEwan 4-75). Abergaverny: Middlesex 36-8 dec (P. Farbrace 123, R. J. Sirms 115; D. J. Foster 4-75, M. C. Dobson 4-64), Glamorgan 198 (Dobson 94 not out) and 140-3 (A. R. Butcher 95). Glasstonbury: Somerset 312 (G. Townsend 64, R. J. Turner 54. R. W. Staddin 6-62). Derbyshire 220-9 (I. G. 8 Sieer 84, P. J. Robinson 4-34), Bernt Green: Worcestershire 208 and 21-2, Nottinghamshire 251-9 dec.
OTHER MATCH: Oxford: Minor Countes 205-7 (S. G. Pikanb 53), Bermude 140 (J. Richardson 51, N. P. Hackett 5-27). Minor Countess won by 65 runs.

imperfect world e share a hero. He is 85 years old. By Chris Brasher, Olympic steeplechase cham-pion in 1956, and David V V Sixty years ago, he won a gold medal, and Hemery, who broke the broke the world record, in

the first Los Angeles Olympics, and the story of how he overcame every adversity was an inspiration to both our Olympic careers. Princess Royal and from the medallists of their year.

David telephoned him re-cently: "Mr Robert Tisdall? It's David Hemery here." "Hemery!" Tisdall said. "Are you still alive?" That epitomises the lack of contact there is between people who share a unique experience, an experience of great significance in each of our lives. As children, we dreamed dreams of becoming an Olympian, of taking part in the world's greatest festival of sport. And when, in our adulthood, it came to pass, we shared our lives, our hopes, our triumphs and our disas-ters with our team-mates and with our fellow Olympi-

ans from all over the world. Perhaps it was an unreal world, but it was a world, a village, of ideals, of excel-lence, of dedication, of camaraderie - a world which had a profound effect on our lives and which remains rooted in our souls.

And then it was all over.

We went our separate ways to earn our living, to take out mortgages, to bring up families, to live our lives from day to day. Every four years we think of those who follow in our footsteps. We strive with them through the selection process, re-joice when they get into the team, suffer their disasters and cheer their triumphs. But seldom, if ever, do we

meet or do we help.

Now that is about to change — thanks to a Spanish diplomat and an English woman. Juan Antonio Samaranch is president of the International Olympic Committee. Some years ago, he decided that it was time to gather together the scattered members of the Olympic family.

n Britain, all the Olympic medal winners who could be traced assembled in the great rooms of Buckingham Palace, there to receive an Olympic lapel badge from the Princess Royal, herself an Olympian. We met old colleagues and rivals, we put faces to the names of our childhood heroes and then, again, we went our

Today there is another bigger, reunion: over 850 British Olympians gather outside Manchester, to re-

ceive their pins from the

world record for 400 metres hurdles while winning gold at the 1968 Games in Mexico City

This evening, we shall again go our separate ways. but this time we shall know that contact is to be main-tained, thanks to the work of Liz Ferris. who, at the age of 19, won the bronze medal in springboard diving at the 1960 Rome Olympics. For many years, Liz has be-lieved that Olympians would like to share and pro-mote the ideas, the ideals and the experience of the Olympics at their best. We could make school visits, help to raise funds, pass on our knowledge to presentcompetitors. And. when the Games are over, we can assist the new Olympians by sharing our experience of jobs and of life in the big wide world. So The Olympians is formed today — the British branch of a worldwide club.

A mong the many aims of this club, there is one that is close to both our hearts and to the hearts of the 15 Olympians who gathered last week in the home of Lord Desborough, the founder of the British Olympic Association in 1905. We are all idealists indeed all Olympians are idealists - and we believe that the Olympic movement, at its best, represents a world in which every person is dedicated to bringing the best out of themselves. in mind, body and spirit.

We live in an imperfect world, a world in which the Olympics are under threat. Money, politics, drugs and international conflict are all leaning heavily on the integrity of the Games and on the competitors. But it is a world in which we are all, individually, accountable for our actions. As parents. teachers, coaches, officials, sponsors, correspondents, broadcasters and fans, we also have a collective responsibility: can we not make our world what we would like it to be?

Collectively, we shall have more influence: maybe not a great deal but every Olympian knows that It is that last fraction of a percentage of effort which makes all the difference between triumph and

SCHOOLS SPORT

Olympic prospects are put to the test

BY CHRIS DIGHTON

TWO weeks before the Olympic Games start in Barcelona. some of Britain's leading young athletes will be taking a step down the road to Atlanta 1996. Today's experienced internationals look back on the English schools champlonship, to be held this year in Hull, as an important milestone in their careers - even if it did not appear that way at

the time.
Steve Cram described the championships as an excellent and formative experience because it was the first time as a competitor that he had been marshalled and marched into the stadium.

Neal Dickinson, a retired headmaster from Chester-le-Street, Durham, has been involved with the running of the event for many years and recalls some performers. Geoff Capes and Brendan Foster among them, who struggled at the championships but went on to make their mark internationally.

'The success we have enjoyed in British athletics in recent years has not surprised me because I have seen it coming through the schools." Dickinson said. "It doesn't necessarily mean that those that win this year will go on to international honours, but you have got to be good to reach these finals."

To reach Hull on July 10 and 11, athletes must qualify through district and country competitions and entries per county are based on school populations. Each competitor must also reach the qualifying standard.

Ellesmere College, Shropshire, has high hopes of Emily Steele, who is trained by David Otley, the javelin silver medal winner at the 1984

Olympic Games. Steele has won English schools titles at junior and intermediate level and last month took the Welsh senior title.

One of the problems for the senior schools athletes is finding fixtures, as state schools are particularly strong in athletics but tend not to compete on Saturdays.

Public schools have their own event, the Independent Schools championship. which will be held this year at Copthali, Hendon, on June 25 and 26. Some 900 athletes will compete for trophies supplied by London athletics

□ A public schoolboy aged 15 yesterday became one of the youngest cricketers to play in a minor counties match when he made his debut for Orlando le Fleming, an all-

rounder, took time off from revision at Exeter School to play for Devon in their twoday match against Cheshire at Torquay. Le Fleming. picked mainly for his fastmedium seam bowling, is already being tracked by one first class county. Making his first appear-

ance four weeks before his sixteenth birthday, he becomes the second youngest player to appear for Devon. following Mike Garnham. who went on to win a county championship as a wicketkeeper for Essex. He said: "I hope that my

bowling is still getting better and I hope to go on to play first class cricket. Glamorgan have been looking at me and I have been coached by the former Somerset spinner. Dennis Breakwell."

RESULTS: Cricket: Morenouth: MCC 211-5dec, Morenouth: 168-6 (I Meckiney 110 not out).

N M Kendrick b McCague 24 J Bolling b McCague 1 J E Berjamin not out 0 Extras (b 5, nb 1) 9 Total (54.5 overs) 198 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-27, 3-27, 4-41, 5-91, 6-152, 7-153, 8-182, 9-197. BOWLING: Igglesden 11-2-24-2: Esiham 11-2-30-2; Hooper 11-1-39-0, Davis 11-1-45-1; McCague 5.8-0-23-3; Fleming 5-0-32-2. Wasim raises hopes for second Test

By Ivo Tennant

TRENT BRIDGE (first day of three; Pakistanis won toss): The Pakistanis, with three first-innings wickets in hand, lead Nottinghamshire by 39

FOR Wasim Akram, this was just the preparation for the rigors of Test cricket. Four vickets was his return in his first match since incurring a stress fracture of a shin last month. All in all, it was a compelling day's cricket, containing as it did a delightful innings from Inzamam-ul-

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conditions for Wasim. Captaining the Pakistanis for the first time, he had no misgivings about fielding first. Lolloping in off a few paces in his first match for three weeks, he swung the ball considerably.

His figures, four wickets for nine runs off 13.2 overs, would suggest he swung it prodigiously. Not so. In truth there was some pretty awful Wasim will have a better

idea today of whether he will be able to cope with playing in the second Test at Lord's next week. He intends to slip himself in Nottinghamshire's second innings. Extraordinarily, Wasim

did not concede a single run after the ball was changed half an hour into the day's play. His last nine overs were maidens. Having decided the Duke ball had gone out of shape and that there was not a replacement of suitable quality, the umpires switched to a Reader.

Quite why they started with a Duke without any more in stock was another matter. Both Nottinghamshire and the Pakistanis are accustomed to using the Reader, which now has an identical seam. So it was merely coincidental that, no sooner had the ball been switched, than wickets began to tumble.

As the senior batsman at the crease, Broad had to give his consent to this change. No sooner had he done so than Wasim had him leg-before with one that dipped in late. He never was keen to leave the wicket when playing the Pakistanis and for one awful moment looked as if he would stand his ground.

But he went, and the rest soon followed. Lewis played three sumptuous cover drives, two off the front foot, but nobody else caught the eye until Inzamam-ul-Haq batted in similar mode in the final session.Robinson was taken at second slip, unable to control the bounce, Johnson sliced a drive and Randall was caught behind shaping to force through cover. These were sloppy shots.



Wasim: ideal warm-up

' Nottinghamshire's innings lasted just 42 overs and 116 runs. It was less humid when the Pakistanis batted, although there was still something to be gained from one of Ron Alisopp's greener pitches. More wickets for the seamers, in fact. Inzamam after a quiet

start, began to pick out the boundary boards. His unbeaten half century included II fours, the great majority placed with precision off both front and back foot

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H A Pick c Rashid b Tanvir
K E Cooper b Tanvir
J A Afford c Agib b Wash

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-52, 3-60, 4-76, 5-84, 8-98, 7-104, 8-105, 9-105 BOWLING. Wasm 13.2-8-4, Agib 9-2-25-0. Remen 7-0-33-1, Anjum 8-0-25-2, Tanva

Wasim Akram run out _____ Naved Anjum b Evans _____ †Reshid Latif c Crawley b Pick _____ Tenvir Mehdi not out _____ Total (7 wids) ... FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-72, 3-74, 4-78, 5-87, 6-91, 7-142

Aqrib Javed and Ala-ur-Reh

Umpires: G I Burgess and R A White.

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yesterday. Needing 176 to win, Yorkshire struggled throughout their innings and were all our for 167 in the final over despite a stand of 60 in 22 overs between David Byas

by Colin Metson behind the

10.3 overs and Barwick took the wickets of Byas (37). Chris Pickles and Jeremy Batty at a cost of only 31. to 91 for five, but were kept

match award.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Torquey: Cheshire 197-6 (S Crawley 61) and 23-0, Devon 236-2

Total (54.3 overs) 114-32-2: Bastler 10.3-2-29-4; Croft 8-1 18-0; Barwick 11-1 31-3. Colley 3-0 21-0: Dhaniram 11-2-31

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Boxing: Gary Jacobs will make the first defence of his British welterweight title in his native Glasgow against John Davies on July 9.

Grass-court craftsman has his day

Becker's practice schedule upset by van Rensburg

By Andrew Longmore, Tennis correspondent

the thunder. Time and again, IF BORIS Becker thought that his troubles would end he was left flat on his face, the moment he stepped back though constant complaints on to his beloved grass, he was jolted back to reality by the aging skills of Christo van to the umpire. Kim Craven. about the slippery conditions brought no reward. In the Rensburg at Queen's yester-day. In his first match on middle of the third set, Becker summoned the tournament grass since the Wimbledon final last year, Becker was referee and the ATP supervisor, but neither could help beaten 6-4. 6-3 in the second Becker's increasingly forlorn round by the South African.

Van Rensburg's annoying tendency to abort his service Unless he decides to change his plans, Becker will go into Wimbledon with just one competitive match in five action in mid-toss further heightened Becker's frustraweeks. The defeat, only his tion. It was clear all was not well early in the first set as Becker strutted the baseline, third in 28 matches at Queen's, leaves Becker's traditional schedule in disarray muttering darkly to himself and there must now be an outside chance that the threeand looking accusingly at the best grass-court in the countimes Wimbledon champion try. He would have done betwill go to the Manchester ter to turn his attention to van Open in a desperate attempt Rensburg, whose returns had to get practice. Becker under constant pres-This was always going to be a tough task for Becker, who

sure at the net. Two backhad not played since losing 6-1, 6-1 to Michael Stich on clay in Hamburg, after pulling out of the French Open with a thigh injury. Van Rensburg, aged 29, is a grass-court craftsman who has twice reached the last 16 at Wimbledon. Two years ago he ended Pete Sampras's hopes in the first round, and he reached the final at Beck-Becker seemed to sense the mood of foreboding on a dank afternoon. His legs were as leaden as the skies and his temper rumbled as loud as

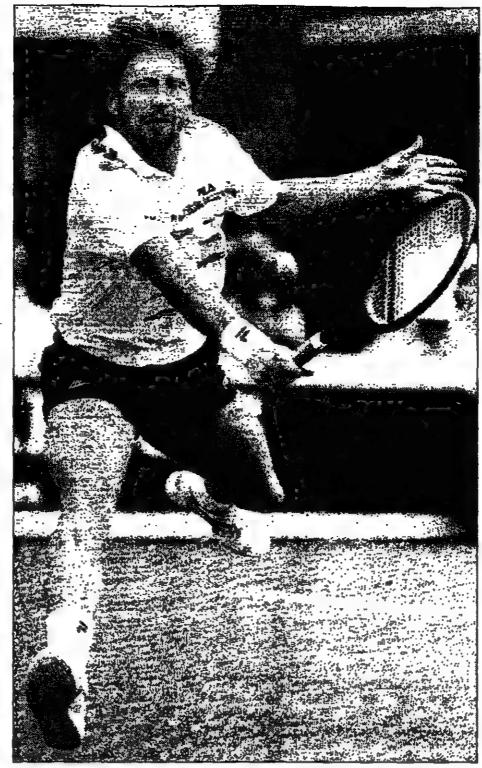
Van Rensburg: surprise

hand volley errors gave the South African the break he needed to take the first set. though a long break for rain prolonged Becker's agony as he served for the set.

Two more breaks early in the second set sealed Becker's fate, and when he overhit two forehand volleys, one wide, the other long, van Rensburg's first victory over Becker was complete.

"I have waited a long time to play him on grass and when the moment came it all just fitted together," van Rensburg said. "It doesn't matter whether you are Boris Becker or ranked 200, if you are short of match practice, you're not going to be that sharp or that confident." The smart alec of the day

was Goran Ivanisevic, who took full advantage of the one patch of unbroken sunshine to dispose of Sandon Stolle in straight sets. The Croat's last match on grass, a defeat by Nick Brown on court 13 at Wimbledon, was markedly less successful, but the horror of that defeat has clearly left its mark on the left-hander, who is a live outsider for the championships. "This year I am not talking about anything. I am just a normal guy, like the other 128 in the draw. I put too much pressure on myself last year," he said. RESULTS: First round: P Pech (F) bl P McEnros (US), 6-4, 7-6. Second round: G minerio (Croma) bt S Sobs (Aus), 7-6, 3; C van Ransburg (SA) bt 8 Becker (Ger),



Early slip-up: Becker reaches for a backhand volley on his way to defeat

Curtis Cup rivals return to do their level best

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

AMY Fruwirth, the United States women's amateur champion, found the Curtis Cup a trifle baffling last week. She felt she had played well for little return and yesterday. in the first round of the British women's championship at Saunton, she clicked back into the old strokeplay routine with a first qualifying round of 73, two under par.

That left her tied for second place, alongside Nikki Bux-ton, the Yorkshire champion. one shot behind Delphine Bourson, of France.

Buxton played only one match at Hoylake but at least her Curtis Cup debut was redeemed by being on the winning side. "I wanted to play more than one match." she said, "but I was in the team and that meant a lot. I enjoyed watching the others and the finish, but there was a lot of pressure. There's no pressure on me this week.",

She started as though she had been launched from a catapult, with five birdies in the first seven holes. A rash of three-putting halted her progress, and she was only one under after 14 holes. At the 15th, however, she hit a three-wood to 30 feet and hald she was proposed to a solution. holed the putt for an eagle three, before dropping

another shot at the 18th. Frawirth intends defend-ing her US title before turn-ing professional, but Bourson, who finished a degree course in sports management and international trade in Paris two weeks ago, has no such ambitions. "I'm starting work in a law advisory company in October," she said. "I

think it's different playing for

money. I play for fun."

On a glorious golfing day. Bourson came home in 33, four under par, but that in-ward half was bettered by Janice Moodie, the Scottish champion, who came home in 31 for a 74. Out in 43, five over. Moodie suddenly found her putting touch and only wished she had had a front nine like Buxton's. Combining the two would have produced a little matter of 65, ten

The Curtis Cup foursomes firm of 'all 'n 'all had mixed

under.

Julie Hall, the senior part-ner, managed a 76, despite having no clue where the ball was going. She had torn one of her contact lenses and was playing blind, almost literally. "Where's it gone, Dad?" was her most frequent remark (her eagle-eyed father is her caddie). She is having a new lens ferried over from Felixstowe, where her longsuffering optician holds one permanently in stock, for this morning, Caroline Hall, the last-hole heroine at Hoylake, struggled with her putter and shot 82.

SWIMMING

Read rises to challenges

By CRAIG LORD

KATHY Read has held all three British backstroke records since the Olympic trials a month ago. She will spend the next four days at ence, and perfected the new backstroke turn. The result the Optrex championships defending her three titles and attempting to add to her 15 stretch back to 1984.

effortless dominance, they deceive. For Read, who turns 23 this month, leads a group of British backstroke women who are ranked among the

enham last week.

From her Olympic debut in 1984 until 1989. Read went unbeaten in Britain. But in 1990 defeat came at the hands of Sharon Page and Joanne Deakins, and Read was expected to hand over hercrown from then on. an, four Commonwealth and

She did not. Instead, she took to training, with Dougie

ken. James Parrack will pur-Campbell, her coach at Barsue the 50 metres breasistroke record of Adrian net in London, more than ever before, used the World Moorhouse, his Leeds team-Cup eircuit for race experimate, today.

For Moorhouse and Nick

Gillingham, the fastest in the was nowhere more evident world this year at 100 and than in her two victories and 200 metres breaststroke, the British records at the trials event will be little more than a last month. Her return to Ponds Forge. pointer to their races in six Sheffield, this week is unlikely

While Parrack is still aimto see such rousing efforts as. ing for his best, others who with the rest of the Olympic were disappointed not to team, she will be more fomake the Olympic team have cused on final preparations opted to be absent from Sheffor Barcelona. The championships will field, most notably Page and Austyn Shortman. provide more of an opportu-

Also on the first day, Helen nity for those who will remain Slatter will start in the first of at home this summer to conher six events, for a total of 12 sole themselves with good performances, rather than a individual swims. repeat of the spectacle of the trials, at which two Europe-

Karen Pickering is aiming to take four freestyle titles to support her mission to Barcelona.

BOWLS

Holders can move nearer play-offs

THE women's world championships resume in Ayr today with most of the field still in contention for a place in the medal play-offs on Saturday (David Rhys Jones writes). Ten pairs out of 13 in section A can still qualify, as can the top 11 in section B.

The holders from Ireland. PTILLIES INGLAND ENG METRECE Johnston, who have already lost to the United States and Hong Kong, face Elaine Jones and Alice Duncalf, of Canada, this morning, knowing the winners will take over as favourites in section A.

Mavis Le Marquand and Shelia Syvret, of Jersey, lead section B, and may be surprised to be ahead of the Scottish pair, Sarah Gourlay and Senga McCrone, who beat them on Tuesday. In the triples, Val Howell.

Mary Davies and Rita Jones, of Wales, are five shots better off than Joyce Lindores, Ja-nice Maxwell and Frances Whyte, of Scotland, at the top of section A, and are guaranteed four points today without

Curiously, points are awarded for byes, so, while Wales they will have no chance to add to their shots credit. Assuming Scotland master Jersey and Fiji today, the match between the two home countries tomorrow morning could be decisive. Marlene Castle. Millie

Khan and Adrienne Lambert, of New Zealand, the section B leaders, have yet to be tested by South Africa and England, both of whom harbour hopes of reaching the EQUESTRIANISM

Turi to bypass Hickstead

By JENNY MACARTHUR

BRITAIN'S Olympic show jumping contenders will be on trial at the Royal Internagins today at Douglas Bunn'sjumping course in Hickstead, Sussex.

The two show jumping classics, the King George V Gold Cup and the Queen Elizabeth 11 Cup on Saturday and the Henderson Grand Prix on Sunday, are all described as Olympic trials by Bunn, the chairman of the selectors. "Anyone who has any hope of getting to the Olympics should be at Hickstead this weekend."

But Joe Turi, one of the Olympic contenders, takes Abbeville, his on-form mare. to the Paris show this weekend.

Michael Bullman, the owner of Abbeville, said yesterday: "Hickstead's solid. more airy. The horse must come first. I don't think Hickstead will bear any relation to what we will see in

Bunn, annoyed at Turi's absence, said that it was for the selection committee" to decide whether or not he had ruled himself out of the team. Abbeville's form this season

She had clear rounds in the Lucerne and Kapellen Nations Cups. Two weeks ago she was second behind Walzerkoenig. Germany's Olympic team gold medal winner, in the Hamburg Grand Prix.

15 young riders, from whom to represent Britain in the pionships in France in

Hulls casts

doubt over

swift return

to the British squad after a

successful appeal on Mon-

day, it still seems unlikely that

Jonathon Hulls will race in a

British squad boat at Lucerne

Hulls, a world champion-

ship bronze medal winner in

1989, was dropped when, as

spare man, he refused to fly to

Switzerland to replace the in-

An Amateur Rowing Asso-

ciation appeals panel consid-

ered that the short notice he

was given by Mark Lees, the

International Performance Director, was unreasonable,

considering the restraints of

regatta this weekend.

jured Terry Dillon.

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Deuchar's crown in five sets

Lachie Deuchar, the world No. I, won the United States professional real tennis championship at Newport, KERRY Packer's Ellerston

Rhode Island, after a five set match against Chris Ronaldson, the former world champion. · Deuchar, who lost to Ronaldson twice in the previous formight, regained his form and self-belief, keeping

ing to clinch a match point in

his concentration despite fail-

Tomlinson leads Fencing: Penny Tomlinson heads an experienced British team for the women's world epèe championships in Cuba from July 9 to 12. TEAM: P Tomenson (LTFC), K Goodali (Chasae and Westminster), S Pearce (Leicester), C Read (Polytechnic), A Milmer-Barry (LTFC).

Back in the union

Ragby union: David Watkins, the former British rugby league and Welsh rugby union international, returned to the union code when elected to the committee of his former club, Newport.

Champion out

Bowls: Jimmy Sellar. of Glasgow, the world wheelchair champion, failed to make the quarter-finals of the British Wheelchair Sports Federation national championship at Stoke Mandeville.

Home defence

POLO

11 British records were bro-

Daniels hits decider for Guardacre

By JOHN WATSON

White, who carried off the Queen's Cup at Windsor last Sunday, suffered defeat when the contest for the Cirencester clubs Hi Goal Warwickshire Cup opened at Stedham, Sussex, yesterday. They were beaten 11-10 in extra time by Guardacre.

Ellerston snatched a goal from the first throw-in with a getaway gallop by Tomas Llorente and Henry Brett. Given their superiority in pony power they retained their lead until after half-time when they were 7-4 head. They then suffered the misfortune of losing Bautisto Heguy, their No. 2, who was taken away in an ambulance. He was replaced by Carlos

Gracida, the ten-goal Mexican. While Gracida was get-ting the feel of the unfamiliar line-up. Guardacre's Gabriel Donoso scored twice to equalise. The fifth and sixth chukkas were level-pegged. Guardacre's decisive goal in extra time was achieved from Donoso's 60-yard penalty shot which was eventually struck home by Julian Daniels, the No. 1.

(ILLARDACRE: I. J. Dannie (1): 2, P. Heguy (10), 3, G. Donose (9), Back: A. Kirby (2), ELLERSTON WHITE: 1, H. Brett (1); 2, B. Heguy (5); 3, C. Graccia (10), Back: K. Packor (1)

Guild resigns

Curling: Bruce Guild, the secretary of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, the sport's ruling body, has resigned for BASEBALL

MATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Mets 6, Montreel Expos 5; Pittsburgh Pirates 5, Philadelphia Philles 3; St Louis Cardinals 6, Chicago Cube 5 (11); Sen Diego Pastes 5, Houston Astres 4; Cinclennal Recks 3, Sen Francisco Giente 2; Los Angeles Dodgers 3, Atlanta Braves 2.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Toronto Blue Juya 2, New York Yankess 1; Boston Red Sox 4, Beitimore Orioles 1; Circleand Indians 6, Detroit Tigers 1; Chicago Wrate Sox 4, California Angels 2, Mitmesota Twins 4, Kaness Cir Poyals 2; Osidard Athletics 6, Mitmeautas Brawers 1; Seattle Mariners 2, Texas Rengers 1.

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Argentines, 21-15; New Zealand bit India,
35-9, Australia bit Guerney, 28-9; Hong kong bit Swazhand, 17-16; Canada bit
American, 25-15, South Aince bit Kerrya,
28-14. Section B: Ninth round: Namibas
bit Zambia, 28-13; Israel bit Spein, 20-16;
Wales bit Botswens, 22-14; Sociland bit
Jersey, 25-17; Papus New Guinne bit Rij.
21-19; Nortobit Island bit England, 19-18.
Triples: Section A: Ninth round. Sociland of Zambia, 25-11, Wales bit Rij.
21-18; America bit Australia, 22-18; Irreland bit
Swaziland, 19-15, Kenye bit Spain, 24-10;
Jersey bit Botswens, 15-14 Section B:
Ninth round Nambia bit Singapore, 2013; India bit Guerney, 17-10; Sooth Ainca
bit Papus New Guines, 25-14; Hong Kong
bit Canada, 27-13, Argentina bit England,
21-14, Irral bit Zimbalowe, 22-14.

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21-14, England, 14 (1-61); 2. Indiand, 14 (1-61); 2 LEADING POSITIONS: Pairs: Section A: 1, Canada, 14 pts (plus 75 shots); 2, ireland, 14 (+61); 3, Hong Kong, 14 (+41) Other: 5, Guerrasey, 10 (+50). Section B: 1, Jerney, 14 (+35); 2. Scotland, 13 (+71), 3, Zembin, 13 (+31). Other: 4, Wales, 12 (+22), 10. England, 8 (38). Triples: Section A: 1, Wales, 16 (+69), 3, Incland, 13 (+8) Other: 8, Jersey, 9 (-39). Section B: 1, New Zealand, 16 (+65), 2, South Africa, 14 (+60); 3, England, 14 (+39). Other: 8. Guerrasey, 8 (-29).

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Dowling, 21-17; JUlys bit B Behan, 21-18, J
Gronow bit T McCarthy, 21-6, C Jones bit
G Stephard, 21-15, A Stack bit J Seller,
21-10; B Begratt bit P Hubbel, 21-8,
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Hendra bit J Galid, 21-18; Y Mettis bit V
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Robertson bit M Misson, 21-18; J Dean bit D
Jackson, 21-3

REALTENNIS NEWPORT, Rhode Island: US profes-sional championship: Semi-finetic 1, Deuchur (Aus) bi J Hovell (GB, 6-3, 6-1, 8-2; C Ronaldson (GB) bi M Devine (GB, 5-6, 6-4, 6-1, 6-3, Finel: Deucher bi Ronaldson, 5-8, 6-4, 6-2, 5-6, E-4

FLORENCE: ATP men's tournament:
First round: T Muster (Austria) bt G
Percz-Rolcien (Arg) 6-1, 6-7, 6-2, R Azar
(Arg) bt F Fornang (Fr), 3-6, 6-3, 6-0. F
Yuras (Arg) bit L Jonneson (Swe), 6-3, 6-4. F
Yuras (Arg) bit L Jonneson (Swe), 6-3, 6-4. F
Palchemo (Fri) bt P Mass (Be), 7-5, 6-6,
6-2, F Santoro (Fr) bt A Vysand (Estonia),
6-3, 6-2, T Champion (Fr) bit N kutil (Swe),
4-6, 6-1, 6-4: M Filippini (Unu) bit P
Haustraue (Neth), 7-6, 0-6, 6-2.
ROSMALEN, Netherlands: Continental
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round: M Stach (Ge) bit C Limberger
(Are), 6-3, 6-4, A Volkov (CS) bit M Natowe
(Ger), 6-1, 7-6; J Starik (US) bit C Addems
(US), 6-3, 6-3, M Schuppers (Neth) bit P
Nijborg (Swel), 7-5, 7-6, R Krajucak (Neth)
bit A Olinovskay (CS), 6-4, 6-7, 6-4

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EVENING RACING

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cannot be dismissed lightly.

All the other leading contenders - John and Michael Whitaker, Nick Skelton, Tim

Grubb, David Broome and Tina Cassan - are competing. Cassan may ride Treffer rather than her main Olympic hope Genesis, who is suffering from a virus. Skelton is resting his main

contender, Dollar Girl, who had a clear round in the Kapellen Nations Cup, and rides Everest Limited Edition. John Whitaker will ride Henderson Milton in his attempt at a third King George V Gold Cup. ☐ The selectors have named

six will be chosen after the Highdere trials on August 31 European young rider cham-

ROWING

Lady Margaret keep hold on top place

LADY Margaret were never in danger at the top of the women's first division in the Cambridge University May races yesterday and finished three lengths clear of Jesus at the finish.

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After the appeal, Lees, who said he was "extremely angry" at the decision, invited Hulls to row in the substitute pair at Lucerne. Hulls, who is entered to row in a non-squad Molesey four, has apparently declined.

Lees, who received a vote of confidence from the appeals chairman, Di Ellis, will continue his selection process at

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England party undeterred by recent misfortunes as they go into their opening European championship match

Taylor certain of winning start

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT IN MALMŌ

THE preparatory work has been wrecked but Graham Taylor, the England manager, is clinging to his natural optimism. The shortest sentence in his typically loquacious preview of his team's opening European football championship tie, against Denmark here tonight, enc sulated his approach. "I expect to win," he said

yesterday. If England do, it will be against the odds. Since Taylor announced his squad three weeks ago, it seems that fate has been constantly mov-

ing the goal posts.
The initial change concerned the identity of the opposition. Instead of working out how to counter the individual brilliance of the Yugoslavs, Taylor belatedly had to find ways of unravelling the more compact Danes. No sooner had the script been rewritten than the cast he assembled for a dress rehearsal against Finland in

Helsinki was broken up.
John Barnes and Mark
Wright, vital parts of Taylor's plans for a progressive sweep-er formation in Sweden, and his lone right back, Gary Stevens, all sustained injuries. Barnes and Stevens so severely that they had to be withdrawn from the Europe-

DENMARK

1 P SCHMEICHEL

2 J SIVEBAEK

(Aarhus) 4 L OLSEN (Trabzonspor)

5 H ANDERSEN

(Brondby)
7 J JENSEN

6 K CHRISTOFTE

(Monaco) 3 K NEILSEN



Group one

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an championship squad. Wright is unavailable today.

Although his strategy has been potentially reduced to a chaotic shambles. Taylor insists that his party's spirits are good. "There is a steady and quiet determination to do well," he said. "Let me do the worrying, that is what I get paid for. Sit back and enjoy it. Put your feet up in front of the television and have a good time."

Yet to fulfil his expectations, England will require perhaps more than a touch of fortune, even if, by now, they deserve it. As Bobby Robson's side discovered in Germany four years ago, defeat in the first game can lead not only to elimination but also to a debacie. Then, England had

been seen as possible champions. No such predictions PROBABLE TEAMS C WOODS **K CURLE** D WALKER 4 M KEOWN IS N WEER 8 T STEVEN

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Record against Denmark

can reasonably be made this

It is likely that Taylor will retain the system and the remaining personnel em-ployed in Helsinki. With minimum fuss, he could replace Stevens with Keith Curle, Wright with Carlton Palmer and Barnes with Paul Merson. The complications from attempting any other shuffle might be counter-

The loyalty of one of Den-mark's central defenders may be divided. Kent Nielsen, bought from Brondby to Aston Villa by Taylor for £500,000 three years ago and made to feel at home in Birmingham, has reciprocat-

ed the friendly arrangement.

Last night Taylor's wife, Rita, stayed in Copenhagen as the guest of Nielsen's wife, Karin, who is expecting her first child next month. The pair will cross the sea to Malmo together to join the crowd in the stadium here this evening. Nielsen will not be the only familiar face in the opposition. John Siveback was a player at Old Trafford and Peter Schmeichel, the giant goalkeeper, still is.

Brian Laudrup could be irritatingly recognisable by the end of the night. Like his elder brother at Barcelona, he lurks behind the front two. The responsibility for smoth-ering his contribution may be left to Carlton Palmer.

Taylor says that he has designed a side which, if it does not win, will be "hard for the Danes to beat". They have not done so since 1983, when their lone goal at Wembley effectively knocked England out of contention for the European championship finals.

Denmark's scourge recently has been Gary Lineker. He has scored both times he has played against them, in 1989 and 1990. If he maintains his average, he will at last claim the goal he needs to equal Bobby Charlton's record of

Lineker habitually rises to big occasions and, for Taylor in particular, the occasion is the biggest of his managerial career. He claims to be less nervous now than when he started to learn the trade amid the more humble sur-roundings of Scunthorpe two decades ago. In August, Taylor will take

part in a meeting with the coaches of the seven other it meeting in Paris to discuss the tournament. "If we struggle," he said, "I hope I stay in the job long enough to go



Mission improbable: Palmer prepares yesterday for an unlikely assignment

Palmer sweeps to fore FROM STUART JONES

CARLTON Palmer was the most unpredictable inclusion in England's European championship squad. He may not only be picked for the opening tie tonight, but in a

role which is foreign to him. For six years, Palmer was a central defender at West Bromwich Albion, until he broke a collarbone. By the time he had recovered. Ron Atkinson had bought a couple of replacements at the back. Palmer was advised by his manager to try playing in midfield. The move was so successful that Atkinson,

once he had taken over at mances as a spare central defender, he made three Sheffield Wednesday, bought Palmer for £750,000. successive appearances in He developed so quickly midfield. Because of the withthat last season he was select-

ed for the England B team, where he caught the eye of Michel Platini, the manager of France, at Loftus Road. Against Czechoslovakia, he was considered to be the man of the match by Graham Taylor, who elevated him into the senior team against the Commonwealth of Independent

Although Palmer's promotion was based on his perfor-

drawal of Mark Wright, he is expected to act like a sweeper against Denmark tonight. The ploy is a dangerous gamble, but Palmer would relish the opportunity. His style is similar to that of Nobby Stiles, his youth team

coach at West Bromwich, and

his attitude is equally and

refreshingly simple. "Football is there to be enjoyed," he said, "so I never worry about it, If you are not good enough at whatever level you play, then you will be

Wright arrived here last night in a belated attempt to spare his country from being numerically weakened during the championship. He is to see the Uefa doctor this morning. Only if his Achilles tendon injury is officially considered serious enough to prevent him from taking any part in the tournament will England be able to apply for a substitute, who will be Tony

Followers decrease in Malmö

Maimo: England will be watched by only about 3,500 followers in their opening match of the European championship tonight, the smallest support for the final stages of any important football tournament on the continent for more than 20 years (John Goodbody writes).

With more than 6,000 trouble-makers on the FA blacklist barred from buying tickets officially for the game against Denmark, there have been surprisingly few genuine supporters prepared to make the trip.

Pat Smith, the FA's administration manager, yesterday gave three reasons for the low numbers: the cost of living in Sweden; the recession in England; and the association's efforts to permit only the real enthusiasts to attend. So far, one Briton on the

blacklist given to Sweden has been deported, and two others have been arrested here on suspicion of passing forged British banknotes.

Scotland at full strength for **Dutch** match

FROM RODDY FORSYTH IN GOTHENBURG

FOR once before a crucial fixture. Andy Roxburgh, the Scotland coach, will be able to choose from a squad unrestricted by injury when he names his team to play Hol-land in the first European championship group two match here tomorrow.

After a thorough training session yesterday. Roxburgh was satisfied that Maurice Malpas had overcome the Achilles tendon damage sustained against Norway last week and that Pat Nevin was showing no further effects of the badly bruised ankle he suffered against the United

The doctor and the physics are happy." Rox-burgh said yesterday. "so we are in a position where we can actually sit down and make plans for our game with the Dutch on Friday. Of course. you must remember that we had lost almost a full team through injury before we got here, so our present position must be seen in that light.

The aim now will be to put together what I would call Plan One, the tactics we have always hoped we would be able to employ against Hol-land but which depend on who we have available. We know all about the Dutch team and we're happy with our own organisation and structure.

Scotland must also be heartened by the news that a groin injury may prevent Frank Rijkaard from playing for the defending champions. though in any case Roxburgh has refused to be intimidated by the apparent strength of

His confidence was reinforced yesterday by help from

French, who played Holland last week in a warm-up match watched by Roxburgh, have supplied tapes of the fixture and of the Dutch victory over Austria a few weeks ago.

"We're particularly interested in that match." Roxburgh said, because although Holland won 3-2 the Austrians exposed them rather a lot and scored two

goals that night.
"Craig Brown [Roxburgh's assistant] and I spent a lot of time yesterday watching the tape and therefore we know what we're dealing with and it's now just a matter of making one or two final decisions, We also saw them play against Portugal earlier this year when Portugal won 2-0 and won easily.
"Certainly Gullit and van

Basten weren't playing on that occasion but it did show that they could be vulnerable, Myths grow up around some teams and although the Dutch undoubtedly have quality, play with adventure and even have the best manager in the world at the mo-

ment, they're not invincible." Rinus Michels, the Dutch coach, also had encouraging words for the Scots. "I think the critics of Scotland have got it wrong," he said. "! don't think any of the eight sides would be here if they were no good. Scutland are better than they are given credit for.

Scotland will have to be mindful of the warm weather. "Our boys actually enjoyed the conditions at training." Roxburgh said. "Although it was bright and reasonably warm there was also a breeze. I would be quite happy if conditions were like this when we go out to play on Friday.

Managers go in search of talent

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

Manchester City, are among a group of Premier League managers at the European championships, watching the cream of Europe's footballing talent and perhaps lining up some top-class signings.

However, the managers who took their teams to the top three places in the first division last season, Howard Wilkinson, Alex Ferguson and Trevor Francis, will be on family holidays instead.

Reid, who left for Sweden yesterday, said: "I'm going there to observe, look, learn and possibly buy." Dave Bassett, of Sheffield United, has an eye on the highly-rated Sweden defender, Jan Eriksson, and Ian Branfoot, of Southampton, is on the trail of Eriksson's international colleague. Joakim

Nilsson. Graham, who signed the Swede, Anders Limpar, after the 1990 World Cup finals. has already been linked with a series of continental targets and looks certain to be hunting more talent to boister Arsenal's challenge for the Premier League.

Gerry Francis, the Queen's Park Rangers manager, will watch the championships on television at home in Berkshire. "I'd love to go but to be honest I really need a break." he said. "It was a long, hard season and there's probably an even tougher one coming

The Crystal Palace manager. Steve Coppell, and his chief coach, Alan Smith, flew

GEORGE Graham, of to Sweden on Tuesday. Smith Arsenal, and Peter Reid, of said: "We are going to look at six matches, with darticul interest in Holland and the CIS, but the chance to study different styles of play rather than looking to sign players is the main object."

Ron Atkinson, of Aston Villa, is in Sweden as part of the ITV commentary team; the Tottenham chief executive. Terry Venables, will feature on the BBC panel of experts based in London.

The former England goalkeeper. Ray Clemence, who will share team-manager duties with Doug Livermore under Venables at Spurs next season, will be in Sweden in his role with BBC Radio.

Venables said: "I've asked Ray to keep his ear to the ground for us while he's there but really I don't think you can beat the view you get from the television coverage. I'll be able to take in two matches on most days and with Ray on the spot, I can't see there is any need for me to be out in Sweden as well."

The Liverpool manager. Graeme Souness, and Howard Kendall, of Everton, have announced no plans to view the championships first hand, nor has Kenny Dalglish, of promoted Blackburn Rovers, but Ian Porterfield, of Chelsea, will probably go to the first-phase matches.

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Pulis accepts offer

Kent reach Lord's

BOURNEMOUTH yesterday confirmed the appointment of their coach. Tony Pulis, as successor to Harry Redknapp. Pulis. aged 34, accepted the job before leaving for a family holiday in Florida. He has not yet agreed a contract. Redknapp left the second-

division club after nine years in charge on Tuesday. Darren Wassall, the Not-

KENT, who have not won a

cricket trophy for 14 years.

will have a fine chance to

restore some glory when they

meet Hampshire in the Ben-

son and Hedges Cup final at Lord's on July 11. Kent made

hard work of reaching a mod-

est target of 199 to beat

Surrey at Canterbury yester-

day, getting home with two

wickets and one ball to spare.

much of the match after their

opening bowlers, Igglesden

and Ealham, bowled through

and reduced Surrey to 41 for

Kent were in command for

ungham Forest defender seen as the obvious replacement for Des Walker, yesterday joined Derby County for £600,000 after refusing a new contract at the City Andy Gray, the Aston Villa

assistant manager, is leaving the club to pursue a full-time television career with BSkyB. He will be succeeded by the coach. Jim Barron:

four. However, after reaching

102 for two, with Hooper

making 50, they lost wickets

at regular intervals before

Davis and McCague saw

them to victory. Hampshire beat Somerset

more comfortably at South-

ampton. Chasing 219, they

won by six wickets in the

penultimate over. Terry mak-

ing an unbeaten 89. Smith

44 and Gower 42. Rose was

top scorer in Somerset's total

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of 218 for eight, with 65.

Détermined Durie holds her nerve BY BARRY WOOD

JO Durie reached the third round of the Dow Classic at Edgbaston yesterday by defeating Betsy Nagelsen 6-3.

Perhaps the most impressive aspect of Durie's performance was the manner in which she handled the pressure. In the first set, having won the opening 12 points of the match and leading 3-1. she found herself 40-0 down on her service.

Yet she prevented Nagelsen

from breaking back and then at 4-1 in the second set, she saved two more break points with a couple of superb services, one an ace.

After netting a forehand at match point in the next game, the British No. 1 then found herself involved in a struggle to end the match. Nagelsen held her service, broke Durie, held again for 5-4 and then led 30-0 on Durie's service.

But where once she would have tightened up and her game would have collapsed. Durie held her nerve and recovered to claim victory. With no outstanding fa-

vourite, although the top seed. Zina Garrison, is a former Wimbledon finalist. Durie was asked whether she had a chance of becoming the first British player to take the

"It's quite open, but I don't know whether I can win it," she said. "On the day I'd have a good chance against anybody on this surface, especially if my serve is going well. But it's a question of consistency." Brenda Schultz, the No. 6 seed from Holland. saved a match point before defeating Kristine Radford 7-5. 4-6, 11-9.

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How is this mighty city fallen

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From 1800 to 1840 London was a place of beauty and optimism. Richard Cork visits a huge German exhibition which makes the contrast with today all too stark

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ow that the calamity of Canary Wharf hangs over London like an epitaph, we need a tonic reminder of the metropolis at its invigorating zenith. But when exactly did London flourish with the greatest magnificence? Many would plump for the Victorian era, when imperial power and industrial prowess combined with Prince Albert's cultural crusading to generate a formidable sense of ascendancy. Others might prefer the age of Gainsborough and Reynolds, when British portraiture swaggered alongside the prodigious flowering of science and a poised. utterly coherent architecture

A magisterial, entertaining and hugely ambitious exhibition now at the Villa Hügel in Essen chooses, perhaps controversially, the period n between. Aided by the biggest array of our national treasures ever lent to Germany, the 700-exhibit epic highlights London's extraordinarily dynamic growth between 1800 and 1840. No such comprehensive survey of this hitherto neglected era has ever been mounted before, and the result deserves to be explored even by those who imagine they know the subject well.

The setting for this enterprise, staged under the the Queen and the Richard von Weizsäcker, could hardly be more ironic. For the VIIIa Hügel was built as a country house by none other than the great industrialist Alfred Krupp. Presiding over resplendent parks and woodland in the hills

overlooking a lush stretch of the Ruhr valley, his baronial residence opened its doors to monarchs, emperors and darkest moments - German leaders bent on the subjugation of

To celebrate London in such a context, where the overbearing rooms still possess a dour and frankly oppressive aura, seems tantamount to an act of reparation. But how can the essence of the metropolis best be conveyed to the German visitor? The working party of thuseum experts who tackled this awesome brief decided to opt for boldness and inclusivity. Headed by the indefatigable Celina Fox at the Museum of London, they aimed at a dizzyingly comprehen-sive panorama of the city at a time of spectacular transformation. The reckless extravagance of the Regency period gave way to the democratic challenge of Reform. Emerging triumphantly from the Napoleonic wars, the British capital underwent a sudden expansion that made it the largest, wealthiest and most potent city anywhere in the world. Looking at Turner's painting on the cover of the 600-page catalogue, we are entitled to feel both nostalgic and angry. Proudly called London, the canvas places Wren's great Royal Naval Hospital at Greenwich in the centre of the composition. Beyond, Turner leads

us round the undulating course of

the sail-bedecked Thames towards a beguiling horizon. For there, punctuated by steeples of the city churches, the distant mist is decisively ousted as St Paul's rears above the scene. The reciprocity hetween the cathedral dome and the twin-domed hospital in the

foreground is captivating.

But outrage intervenes when we compare this delectable prospect with the same view today. Quite unforgivably, the obmusive bulk of Canary Wharf's tower has been allowed to wreck the scene. We shudder, sigh and, with palpable relief, mount the grandiose Krupp staircase to immerse ourselves in the pleasures of a period when such

desecration was still a long way off.
No exhibition devoted to the
intertwining of London's achievements in the arts and sciences alike can afford to be dull. Scholarly prowess often leads to an excess of stultifying minutiae, but here the show's vast opening room is alive with theatrical panache. Life-size figures from George IV's coronation procession towards Westmin-ster Abbey III the centre of this barn-like space. Led by a slender young woman scattering flowers and herbs to combat the stench of

the crowds, the members of the cavalcade flaunt a fanciful array of costumes glorifying the nation's history.

John Doyle's 1820. And despite the notorious proflilithograph, gacy of Prinny's 1 1chained to formed in a spirit of the nose of gar and Waterloo had swept away the fear of French su-John Bull' premacy. Near the coronation figures,

a stylishly draped alcove contains a selection of victory silver from Apsley House. Flanked by busts of mous tableware has a euphoric gleam. No continental despot should ever again presume to do battle with the Bulldog, and across the floor John Rossi's marble statue of The British Athlete brandishes his pugilistic fists in warning.

If George IV preens himself in coronation robes at the centre, the rest of this introductory section fans out to encompass London's surging mercantile energy. The docklands are shown in the throes of rapid and wholesale expansion. Perry Dock in Blackwall is an idyllic sight in William Daniell's limpid painting. Multi-masted vessels cluster in their berths, surrounded both by the river and open, verdant fields. As for the New Docks bordering the Isle of Dogs, their orderly rows of dignified, plainspoken warehouses compare well with the flashy, chaotic redevelopment of

Functional dockside building benefited from the superb standards set by the leading architects of the day. A whole chamber is set aside for Sir John Soane, focusing above all on watercolours of his Bank of England interiors. The great domed rotunda vies openly with the Pantheon, and one view of his mightily arched Transfer Office

Roman ruin open to the sky. The

conceit proved all too prophetic. By

the late 1930s Soane's labyrinthine masterpiece was indeed destroyed, and in the same decade a similar death-sentence was inflicted on the other great architectural tour de force of the age. ing of central London's streets, which proceeded in an unbroken sequence from Regent's Park to The Mail, was largely demolished. The images on view here reveal just how much was lost, including the

curved colonnade of The Quadrant providing elegant shelter for pedestrians as they made their way south to Piccadilly Circus. But at least the outline of Nash's grand plan is preserved today, along with his parkland terraces and the "pepperpots" still stubbornly surviving in The Strand. Nothing could stop the ebullient enlargement of London, even as far as the Paragon terrace in Blackheath. In 1811 John Linnell

could still paint a large picture of the gravel-pits of Kensington. where labourers shovel and carry in a landscape innocent of streets and squares. By 1829, though, George Cruikshank produced a cheerfully apocalyptic print called London goes out of Town, or The March of Bricks and Mortar. Like an imperial army on the move, building materials invade the countryside in unstoppable battalions. They shower the meadows with bursts of brick missiles coated in fresh cement.

Scientific advance was just as irrepressible. Succeeding rooms show that, while Clarkson Stanfield

was painting his festive tribute to the engineering élan of New London Bridge, the hobby horse bicycle and Trevithick's steam locomotive helped to revolutionise the possibilities of urban transport. The tireless Cruikshank used the hobby borse to mock the obesity of Prinny Hertford, while the 1808 model for Trevithick's invention looks deceptively toytown. But their implications were boundless, and Benjamin Schlick's intriguing 1820 design for a tunnel under the Thames anticipates our current attempts to burrow beneath the English Channel.

s the show progresses, it suffers from a strange unwillingness to give sci-Lence enough prominence. The seminal experiments conducted by Faraday and Davy are crammed, along with much else, into a surprisingly small room. Maybe the organisers were afraid of boring the visitor with an overdose of diagrams, induction rings and little machines.

They certainly look subdued in relation to the splendid selection of watercolourists working in London. Comman's redoubtable Durham Cathedral appears to grow, rock-like, out of the craes below. As the Romantic impulse gathers force, this stasis is replaced by the visionary fervour of a Palmer comfield, Blake's hallocinatory Dante illustrations and the littleknown George Fennel Robson finding sublimity as well as menace in his brooding view of Loch

Coruisk on the Isle of Skye.

The same eye for the unfamiliar freshens the large room devoted to painting. As well as giving rightful pride of place to the blustery dynamism of Constable's Leaping Horse and Turner's exalted Claudian tribute to Richmond Hill. est yet delightful view of a mellow Colosseum. John Martin's proto-DeMille panorama of Joshua commanding the sun to stand still bursts with production values and special effects. Landseer, who veered between extremes of brutality and sentimentality, exploits the hound-harried death agonies of deer in his gruesome Chevy Chase hunting scene. And Eny was never more lubricious than in his pin-up Diploma painting of a sleeping nymph unveiled by randy satyrs. But I preferred the unexpected intensity of Hazlitt's commanding little self-portrait in a room given

over to essayists and poets.

The Times appears, in John Doyle's lithograph, chained to the nose of John Bull as he blathers: What a glorious thing it is to enjoy the liberty and independence of an Englishman." And the heyday of the street advertisement is unforgettably depicted in John Orlando Parry's skilful watercolour, Work-ing like a collage artist awant la lettre, he shows how a city wall propped up by a demolisher's joist becomes festooned with a cornucopia of posters and stickers. The typographical frenzy boasts attractions as bathetic as "The Destruction of Pompeii Every Evening", and asks: "Have You

Seen The Industrious Fleas?" Behind all the levity, and the wretched penury defined with monumental compassion in Géricault's lithographs of beggars and vagrants, lies the gathering momentum of the Reform Bill. Haydon catches it subtly, showing young men waiting in tense expectation for the report in The Times. But the sheer adrenalin of the event is conveyed most engagingly in an outsize handkerchief, where zealous reformers are depicted hacking down the tree of Rotten Boroughs with gleeful excitement.

Above all, though, the drama of change is captured by the finest painting in the show. Rounding the corner into a final room, we are delivered the pictorial equivalent of a knockout blow by Turner's bravu-

ra scene of Parliament burning down in October 1834. Consumed by an inferno hurling incandescent fragments high in the night sky, the Lords and Commons both expire. Crowds on the Embankment and a ghostly Westminster Bridge are caught between fire and moonflares in the foreground. Funereal barges suggest the sadness of the event. But Turner's imagination is allame with the ending of an old order, and the ferocious heralding of a new world to come.

TOMORROW

Valerie Grove on private life and public strife



Typographital frenzy: A London Street Scene 1835, a watercolour by John Orlando Parry, is on show in Metropole London at the Villa Hügel, Essen, until November 7

Never judge a chap by his cover

ave you ever tried to buy a sex manual book? I don't mean on of those top-ofthe rack numbers at the corner newsagents, but a good, old-fashioned Janet and John sex book. was in a book shop on London's Oxford Street earlier this week looking at computer manuals (and what of it? We all have our own fetishes, OK?) when I saw a stack of books by Dr Ruth Westheimer on the New Titles stand. I've had a soft spot for Dr Ruth ever since I was Sent to interview her a couple of Years ago and she gave me, by way of a memento of the meeting, a novelty fridge magnet in the shape of a bagel. Although I never quite worked out why a woman who bills herself as "the world's best-known psycho-sexual therapist" believes she is best represented by a magnetic bagel, it sits on my fridge still.

With such a close affinity between Dr Ruth and me, how could I but buy her new book. Dr Ruth's Guide to Erotic and Sensuous Pleasures? Especially given that there are now odd days in my life when the most erotic and sensuous pleasure I can imagine is lying in bed with a ground beef and sweet pepper pizza watching The Bill. More to the point I thought I might be able to find in the book some tip which I could pass on to you which

the advice always to go for the deep dish pizza rather than the thin 'n crusty if you don't want crumbs in the bed. I picked the book up and walked to the cash desk.

And stopped. Imagine: you are a cashier in a book shop. A lone man comes up to you with a copy of a book by a tiny, tubby mittel-European woman who looks as if her response to any sexual problem is likely to be "Sex. shmex! Who needs it! Find a good play on the wireless better".

The book he holds is called Dr Ruth's Guide to Sensuous and Erotic Pleasure. What does this tell you about the man? That he is the suave but well-balanced sort who. while having all the sensuousness any man can deal with, wants to bring to the tender but passionate relationships he conducts with slender, sophisticated women an even

greater ardour? I think not. What it says is that here we have a bloke who is worried that his wife is getting a bit chatty with the milkman, or one who needs a book to tell him that wearing silk pyjamas in bed is one thing, but that wearing your socks in bed is entirely another. Or one who needs diagrams before he reaches over for the first tentative kiss on a date.

So I picked up a computer book

PRIVATE LIFE

John Diamond on commonsense advice



to go with it. I passed the books "I think that probably covers all

bases," I said sheepishly. 'Yes," she said. "From the sublime to the ridiculous." "Actually." I said, "This is re-

"Yes," she said. "Of course it is." And then she said the thing that every journalist with a picture byline longs to hear.

"You're John Diamond aren't you? The journalist." I laughed, lightly. I would have preferred "John Diamond, the

vriter", but what the hell "Well yes, actually I am." Thank God! She knows that I'm not buying it for me! She knows that I am the well-balanced, healthily libidoed character I seem to be, and that I happen to write about sexual manners in one of the world's most respectable papers.

So of course you I understand," I said, "why I'm getting the book."
"Not really," she said. "Why?" It turned out that the only piece she'd seen of mine was about buying suits in Savile Row. I started to explain about this column, but the more I said the more likely it sounded that I was worried about the milkman, or wearing socks in

And for all that there aren't even any tips I can pass on to you. But then, as I left the shop it occurred to me that there never really could be. According to the book's blurb this is just the latest in a series of numerous works on the subject by Dr Ruth and given the woman's speciality any book after the first would have been one book too many. When I discovered the facts of life I had as much trouble coping with the fact that they applied to my

parents as well as any child, but I have since accepted that people who are older than me or less than obviously sex-crazed do in fact have a sex life. I accept that for all her chubbiness and her diminutiveness and her throaty vowel sounds there is someone close to her who is delighted to have Dr Ruth turn academic theory into ecstatic

But I can't in all honesty believe that Dr Ruth knows things now that she didn't know when she wrote Dr Ruth's Guide to Good Sex or Dr Ruth's Guide for Married Lovers. Given that I can't believe that her discovery that taking a bubble bath aids romance is a new one, I can only assume that she either held the information back from the earlier books or that it appears there in some subtly different form.

And if this information is so banal that it can be shoved around from book to book in this way, it follows that if you sit and think about the subject for more than ten minutes you'll come to most of the same commonsense conclusions that Dr Ruth comes to, and that you won't need her book. I only wish I'd had that realisation before I picked the damned thing up and paraded myself as a trainer lether in the bookshop.



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numming in the RSC's London season Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, London SW1 (671-730 1745), previews, tonight-Sat, 8pm. 224TH SUMMER EXHIBITION: The Academy has been updating its image in recent years — d not always wasely — so that now there is a fair sprinking of abstraction among the cosy post-impressionists. But the summer show still remains a many standard ground for remains à major stæmping gro remains a major Stamping ground for Engish eccentraty, and long may it continue to do so. Royal Academy of Arts, Piccardily, London W1 (071-439 7438), daily, 10am-6pm, until Aug 16.

DIRE STRAITS: Expect reliable classes from the mega-band and some subversive disco from support group. Was (Not Was), Riss an appearance by cowboy king Lyle Lovet. Arms Park, off Westgate Street, Cardiff (0222 390111), 5pm.

ALDEBURGH FESTIVAL OF MUSIC AND ARTS: This year's festival opens with a performance by the great Russian prants! Swatoslav Richter and continues ustal June 28. Attention will feet and formation will feet and feet and

☐ THE BLUE ANGEL: Kelly Hunter and Philip Madoc in Trevor Num's introducting staging; angel of desire becomes the demon of destruction. Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065) Mon-Sat, 7-30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 150mins.

DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: Area join Michael Byrne.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane,
WC2 (071-836 5122), Mon-Sat, Sprii,
mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 120mms.

THE FASTEST CLOCKIN THE DANVERSE Most eccentric black farce by Philip Ridley, with characters named Foxtrot, Darling and Sherbert Gravel, Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat. 8pm, mat Sat. 4pm. 120mins. ☐ THE GHOST SONATA: Strandberg's

werd vision of human greed becomes a fascinating evening of grossquerie in this Sturdy Beggars production New End, 27 New End, NW3 (071-794 0022). Tues-Sun, 7.36pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

E) NEARTHEAK HOUSE Paul Scofield and Vanessa Redgrave head Trevor Nunn's splendid cast in Shaw's timeless, state-of-England drama. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mars Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 225mins.

P) HENRY IV. PARTS 1/2: Allian EJ HIRNEY IV, PAICE 1/12: AUTIEN Noble's trumphant, rite-of-passage production: fine acting from Julian Glover's king, Robert Stephens's Felstaff and Michael Maloney's ponce. Bartolcan, Sak Street, SE1 (071-638 8891). Part 1: mat today, Sat, 2pm, 200mms. Part 2: tonight-Sat, 7,30pm, 210mms. Final performances.

☐ LOVE TH A BOTTLE: Joyously sery adaptation of Farquitar's first play, acted with panache by Dublin-based Rough Magic company, Tricycle, 269 Kibum High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4cm 130mms.

MAD, BAD AND DANGEROUS TO KNOW: Detek Jacobi presents withoute, sanrosed Byron. Ambassador's, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Mort-Sat, 8pm, mat Wed, Sat, 3pm. 135mms.

NEW RELEASES

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts compiled by Kari Knight

Egipt by John Tavener, the English composer much initiuenced by Orthodox Christianty Strawnsky's The Rake's Progress and Britten's version of John Gay's Beggar's Opera will also be heard in concert performances.

Snape Concort Half, Snape, Sulficik (0778 453543) Rom (0728 453543), 8pm.

SCOTTISH OPERA: The company is in Inverness this week and Edinburgh from June 23. Toright and Saturday brings Tom Cairns's new production of the ""nzart opera Don Giovanni with a cast Ludded by Steven Page Tormorrow there is the revival of Gilbert Defio's spectacular production of Aida, updated to the time of the work and designed by Wilham Orlandi. American soprano Priscilla Baskerville sings the title role and Salfe Busenes service. and Sally Burgess sings Amner's. Eden Court Theatre, Bishop's Road, Inverness (0463 221718), tonight-Sal,

ARTIE SHAW: The American ARTHE SHAWE: In American bandleader and clarinettist of the Swing era conducts his first concert appearance in Britain. As well as some of Shaw's best-known orchestral and big band numbers, the programme features works by Prokofiev and Mozart. It is performed by clarinettist Bob Wilder and

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London House full, returns only
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Seats at all prices

THE MADNESS OF GEORGE ME Mygel Hawthome is very fine as the stricken king in Alan Bennett's intriguing, slightly puzzing play. National (Lytterlon), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 252) Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat today, Sat, 2 15pm 170mins.

A MIDSUMWER NIGHT'S DREAM: CI A MIDSUIMMER MOUTH ORBAIN: Ian Talbot's jolly production, full of rough and tumble and evergreen comedy. Dissidal Landen plays Bottom. Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431). Tonight-Sat, 8pm. 165mins. MOBY DICK: A girls' school puts on

La michastra, Agus Such pers un a fund-raising show. Tony Monopoly plays a headmistress playing Capitain Ahab. Besched musical. Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, Apm, mats Tues, Sat. 4pm. 135mins.

T F/SMALICUL: Alan Howerd, Frances Burber in a Howard Covic-production that some admire greatly while others feel subordinates the last to

CITHE NULES OF THE GAME: Nichard Griffiths and Nicola Pagett in Pirandello's sardonic study of mantal revenge; not as sulphurous as it could be but still a

Festival Hall, South Bank, London SET (071-928 8800), 7.30pm

BADINAGE: The respected period-instrument group plays 18th-century wind chamber musc by Telemann, Bach, Handel, Quantz and Corell. Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 8pm.

his all-star band featuring Bruce Turner, Tommy Whittle, Kenny Baker, Don Lusher, Oliver Jones, Barney Kessell Dave Green and Bobby Orr, and the Wren Orchestra of London.

THE BOLT HOLE: A highly physical, theatrical and visual performance is theatrical and visual performance is promised in Jairo Anibal Nuño's play; an indiction of tyramical Latin American dictators. Anna Farthing, last year's warner of the BAC Young Director's Award, directs; with a new translation by Hall Brown.

BAC, Lavender Hall, London SW11 (1071–223 2223), opens tompht, 7pm

OPERA FACTORY: David Freeman's production of The Coronation of Poppea completes his impressive cycle of Monteverdi operas. The cast includes Monteverdi operas, The cast induces Marie Angel as Poppea, Janis Kelly as Octawa and Nigel Robson as Nero. Freeman's earlier The Return of Ulysset can be seen at the Coliseum Queen Elizabethi Half, South Bank, Letter 554 1011 038 99001 teninty Landon SE1 (071-928 8800), tonight,

LONDON OPERA FESTIVAL: Canadian Sograno Kathenne Johnson performs A Weel Fantasy, excepts from works spanning Weil's career. The Place, Duke's Road, London WC1 (071-387 0031), Bpm.

Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7 45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm, 165mins, Bookno to August 20

Nicholas Lyndhurst, Neil Daglish and Carmel McSharry in likeable comedy about a dotting mother's wornes, notably

her gay son. Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm, 130mins,

ET THE MITY SHE'S A WHORE WITH

Sedia Nerves a personate herome. Ford's tragedy of incest and revenge burns with a fierce glory. Directed by David I mean

David Leveaux.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street (071-638 8891). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats today. Sat, 2pm. 180mms. Final

LONG RUNNERS:
Aspects of Love.
Prince of Wales (071-839 5972)

Litad Brothers Phoenix (071-837 1044)...

D Banday Victoria Palace (071-834 1317)...

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Hight Express: Apollo Victoria (07 1-828 8665) The Women in Bi Fortune (071-836 2238).

Ticket information supplied by Society of West End Theirtre

Booking to August 29. STRANGHT AND MARROWA

WC2 (071-379 5399), Mon-Thurs, THEATRE GUIDE 8pm, Fn, 6pm and 9pm, Sat, 4.30pm and 8.30pm. 150mms. U SOME LIZE IT HOT: But what we get is lukewarm Tommy Steele in poor musical version of the film.

☐ POND LIFE: Touching performance by a yours; cast in Richard Cameron's quiet drama of teenagers anging for carp and love. Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-749 3388) Mon-Sar, Spm.

a dever design. National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm, mat Sat, Zpm. 195mms.

grapping drama.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359
4404). Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

John Malkovich in a lightweight drama that seems to equate East-European dissidence with getting girls into bed. Shaftesbury, Shaftasbury Avenue,

DOUBLEX (15): Return of the had British II move: a damail tale of dishonour among theires. William Katt, Norman Wisdom (playing straight); dractor, Shani S. Grevel. MGM Poliham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Haymarion (071-839 1527) MGM Colord Street (071-836 0310).

THE FIVE HEARTBEATS (15): Bland hut good-natured tale of a black but good-natured tale of a black rock 'n' roll group's American journey, Robert Townsend writes, directs, and stars with Michael Wright, Tico Wells. Prince Charles (071-437 8181).

THE LAWNINOWER MAIN (15): Pierce Brosnan's computers turn a sympleton (Jeff Fahey) into a cybemonster. New technology jamboree laid low by a muddled script. From a

Leonard, Cumden Parkway (071-267 7034) MGM Chelson (071-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Leicester Square (0426 915683)

THE PLAYBOYS (12): Love and jealousy in an Irbh village in 1957, Strong performances (Afbert Finney, Robin Wright, Aidan Quinn), but too much blarney. Director, Gillies

Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353) RUSH (18): Narcotics agents become unpromising material from first-time director till Fire Zanuck, Jason Patric,

lennifer lason Leigh Empire (071-497 9999) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332). SPLIT SECOND (18): Rutger Hauer stalks an occult-enhanced serial Liller through London, Mindless, derivative and duft. Director, Tony Maylam MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527). MGM Oxford Street (071-536 0810).

CINEMA GUIDE

films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country

THEASIME ISLAND: Statement is tale deconstructed by the avant-garde Raul Ruiz. Mere scraps and doodles; with Martin Landau, Jean-Pierre Lieud. ICA (071-930 3647).

 TURTLE BEACH (15): Journalist investigates the fate of Vietnamese boat people in Malaysia. Dull adaptation of a popular Australian novel. Greta Scacchi, peoplar Australian novel. Greta Scacchi, Joan Cherr, director, Stephen Wallace. MGM Fulhson Road (071-370 2636) MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) MGM Oxford Screet (071-636 0310) MGM Oxford Screet (071-434 0031) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

CURRENT ■ MASIC INSTINCT (18): San Francisco

detective Michael Douglas and ice-pick murder suspect Sharon Stone ride a sordid psycho-sexual rollercoaster. Director, Paul Verhoeven. Barbican (071-638 8891) MCM Bake Street (071-935 9772) MGM Chelsen (071-352 5096) MGM Parties Street (071-930 0631) MGM Trocadero (071-(471-950 US31) Nothing Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeon Kensington (0426 In14666) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on the Green (071-26 3520) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

LA BELLE MOISEUSE ---NTO (18): Fasconating twohour digest of Jacques Rivette's epic about the painter, his model and an unfinished carvas. Minema (071-235 4225).

HOWARD'S END (PG): Absorbing

colliding families with different ideals. With Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thorreson, Heleva Bonham-Carter, Durector, James Hory. Curzon Mayfalt (071-455 8865) Outside Phoenia (071-240 9561).

THE LONG DAY CLOSES (12): Terence Davies's powerful evocation of childhood's lost paradise. With Leigh McCormack, Marjoria Yates, and a wonderful aural collage of fifties on, **zon West End (**071-439 4805).

◆ THE MAMBO KINGS (15): Smartly In New York, Starring Armand Assente, Antonio Banderas; director, Arne Glimcher. MASSA Fullhern Road (071-370 2636)

MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332). · HAKED LUNCH (1/C: A film like no

other, skiffully carved from William Burroughs's novel by director David Cronenberg, Peter Weller as the write hero in a drug-induced Tangler of the mind. With Judy Davis, Ian Holm. Othern Messamina (M26 915883). RUBY (15). Darvny Alelto as the small-time gangster who shot Lee Harvey Oswald. A tame film compared to JFK, but good performances. Director, John

Odeon West End (0426 913574). VAN GOGH (12): Muunce Palat's masterly, no-norsense portrait of the painter's last months. Fine performance from singer-turned-actor Jacques

Dutronc. Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) Lumière (071-836 0691).

VOLERE VOLARE (15): Bumbling sound technican turns into a cardon figure. Flawed but descous Italian comedy; Maurizio Nichetti (The Icide

THEATRE

How a good boy was made local

A Better Day Theatre Royal, Stratford East

THIS is the Theatre Royal's centenary salute to James Keir Hardie, a local hero of sorts. True, he came from Scotland; true, he lost his seat at South West Ham soon after winning it: true. he eventually became MP for Merthyr. But why spoil a celebration with petty quibbles? In summer 1892, Hardie was proclaimed the first Labour member of Parliament from the balcony of Stratford town hall, a few yards from the Royal itself.

On opening night that was enough to bring in local bigwigs in abundance, as well as Tony Benn and his wife Caroline, whose forthcoming biography of Hardie is acknowledged in the programme as a prime source of the play. I cannot say if they joined in the groanings that greeted mentions of the Tories or the singing of "Jerusalem" that ended Act I; but they had every encouragement from the stage to do so. If the show has an aim, it is surely to hoost the morale of that endangered species, the British socialist.

To that end the author, Sheila Yeger, and her director, Annie Castiedine, have tried to blend song and documentary, cartoon and music hall. There is even a master of ceremonies in Clive Mendus, oddly dressed in the off-green corduroy conventionally associated with teachers or social workers in and around Stratford East.

The incongruity fits the role. One moment he must earnestly defend Hardie against detractors ("you're totally trivialising the crucial part he played at an important moment in socialist history') and the next ebulliently introduce another burlesque episode from his life.

'Nae coal on the fire, nae tatties in the pot, and it's all your fault," wails Hardie's Mum, clutching a baby. "I

FOR just two performances of Nikolaus Lehnhoff's gripping produc-

tion of Jenufa (the other is July 17)

Susan Bickley has stepped into the vital

role of the Kostelnička. She is an

experienced Kostelnička from the

Glyndebourne tour, and although she

is replacing the formidable Anja Silja,

Jenufa is primarily an opera about power: its tendency to compromise independence and quash spirits, but

also to generate fear in the holder of the

power, in this case the Kostelnicka.

she is no second-best.



Show of comradeship: the company of A Better Day at the Theatre Royal, Stratford East

will work to put tatties in every man's pot and coals on every man's fire." ripostes the boy in spoof melodramatic

The sudience chuckled, as the author and director dearly wished. So it did, if more mildly, at parody Tory MPs, top-hatted Old Etonians who dance about telling blimpish jokes about socialists and suffragettes. Yet it was expected to react seriously to moments that seemed scarcely more

Hardie collapses in exhaustion after being publicly execrated for his resistance to the first world war, whereupon out pops his devoted wife as from a cuckoo dock, doughtily chiruping "come hame, Jamie, and I'll give ye a nice bowl of soup with barley and dumplings". Was I alone in finding that line more funny than the show's many conscious attempts to be so? Castledine creates the odd striking

effect with smoke, banners and a chorusing cast, but her production's tone is curiously unsure. But then so is Yeger's attitude to Hardie himself. On the one hand, he was a passionate crusader for the workers, an

inspiration today. His attack on a Queen's speech that failed to mention unemployment is followed by a recording of Neil Kinnock, using the same occasion to make the identical point. On the other hand, he neglected his wife in favour of young ladies, notably Sylvia Pankhurst. Hardie may have

battled to enfranchise women, but he clearly worries the feminist in Yeger. That feminism, mainly represented by a cynical amazon called Rosa Britannia, becomes increasingly pronounced and irritating as the evening progresses. Surely there are more centrally important things to be

learned about both the character and

the work of Ian Angus Wilkie's crisp.

vivid Hardie? Myself, I could have done with more fact, more documentary, less cartoon and politically correct razzmatazz. But then I left as everybody was chorusing Labour unite, fight for a better day The show was not aimed at me.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

OPERA

A parable of power

Her fear of social ostracism and loss of dignity leads her to abandon compas-

Jenúfa Glyndebourne

sion and fundamental morality and to ful, darkish sound has an idiomatic murder her foster-daughter Jenüfa's hard edge, and her performance own baby. The desire for power is a carefully measures the transformation

sign of insecurity and leads to evil, Janáček says. Bickley's power-

from stem righteousness through covert fear and deception to possessed murderess. If she does not quite command the stage as the character commands her family and the villagers - with Roberta Alexander superb in the title role, that would be difficult she is clearly the engine of this drama; an engine generously fuelled, more-over, by the leverish performance of the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Yakov Kreizberg.

STEPHEN PETTITT

DANCE

Injury time in old Verona

THE mayhem on the streets of Verona in the Birmingham Royal Ballet's new production of Romeo and Juliet has not guite been met off stage, but the dancers chosen for leading roles have attracted more than their share of injuries. Already at the first perforand had to be replaced as Romeo. Later in the week, 18-year-old Monica Zamora had to be put on sooner than expected as Juliet because Miyako Yoshida had not fully recovered from

an injury. But Zamora herself had been injured earlier, and her debut last Thursday brought a worsening of her condition. The result was that although she bravely started what was to have been her second performance on Saturday afternoon, she had to drop out after the bailroom scene - so all I can report about her Juliet is that her youthful Mediterranean beauty looks ideal in the costumes, and that she dances her first two scenes with a grave, delicate fluency which made us all want to see more of this exceptional young talent.

Luckily there was another excitingly good Juliet available to take over from the balcony scene. Sandra Madewick (whom I had seen in the full role the previous night) is known as a dancer of exceptional virtuosity and musical

Romeo and Juliet Birmingham Hippodrome

command, but I think none of her previous roles had prepared us for the full blooded quality of her acting: as moving an account of the role as I have seen in a long time.

Enthusiastic reports on the company's senior ballerina, Marion Tait, suggest that BRB has no lack of Juliets. Romeo is another matter, Kevin O'Hare and Joseph Cipolla both act splendidly but lack something in the

More notable on the male side has been the immensely powerful Tybalt of Evan Williams, a menacing adversary but with an unexpected and convincing hint of shame at the way he killed Mercutio: and (unfortunately not at the same performance) Michael O'Hare's sharp, unsentimental portrait of that often tiresome joker.

Apologies to readers puzzled by a reference in my article last Saturday to Nureyev's wanting his dancers at the Paris Opera to experience "old traditions"; what should have appeared is that he introduced them to "all traditions".

JOHN PERCIVAL

STUDENT OPERA

Never mind the setting

NICOLAI's little masterpiece -- I swear there's not a duff note in it, and many passages are touched with genius - is ideal for student performance. There are plenty of roles spread over all vocal registers, and the score is a rewarding one for the orchestra. At last Saturday's opening the Guildhall School of Music and Drama band under Clive Timms went for it with a will, and at times produced too much volume for some of the lighter voices. who were tempted recklessly to oversing without, one prays, doing irreparable damage.

But what put the whole enterprise at risk was Tim Coleman's astonishingly clumsy production in graceless decor by Isabella Bywater. Too much energy had been devoted to "ideas", such as setting the first act in the 1960s, the second in the 18th century and the third in Elizabethan times (thus nearly avoiding the only century with any relevance to the music, the 19th) and not nearly enough to defining the characters and their place in society. There is, please God, more to comedy than pulling faces, pratfalls and extraneous sight-gags; seasoned professionals might know how to deal with direction of such cack-handedness, but to witness it being imposed on defenceless students is quite intolerable. Some of them managed to emerge

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more or less intact. Susan Felver's bright and agile soprano proved equal to the role of Alice, which is a deceptively "big sing", and I enjoyed the characterful, musky mezzo of Joanna Vincent-Campion as Meg. Liza Pulman's lyric soprano is slender as yet for Anne Page, but it is very sweet in timbre, and her decorations were as neat as her singing was musical.

The men have less to do — the opera is indeed well named. René Linnenbank has in embryo the fruity bass for Falstaff: it was sad that the problem of what to do with a tall, thin singer in this role had not been addressed. Timothy Taylor's Ford had a high musical profile, but it is better to risk . inaudibility than to shout, which he did too often. Nathan Berg's rounder ... tone as Page was more to the point. Talent aplenty here, but not, I fear,

best served by those in charge, and anyone attending the final performance, tomorrow night, should keep their eyes tightly closed.

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Fairy-tale with a ring of truth

Straight Talk (Odeon Kensington, West End. UCI Whiteleys and on release) is a track that demands a particular kind of steed, to judge from the odd results of racing James Woods and Dolly Parton in tandem. Since Craig Bolotin's script is partly lifted from Mr Deeds Goes to Town, this is presumably a perfectly con-scious revival of the Frank Capra

style of American fairy-tale.

Here, intact, is Capra's unabashed sentiment, unjustified optimism, and foolish faith in the good will and good sense of the little course where Dolly Parton comes in. She plays Shirlee, a divorcee from Arkansas who arrives to seek her fortune in Chicago.

Adrift in a studio, she is mistaken

for the new radio psychologist. Needless to say, her home-spun wisdom, bawdy wit and the aphorisms bequeathed by her ol' daddy make her the toast of Chicago — until the inevitable clash between her country ethics and the cynicism of the media business.

James Woods is the Mr Deeds element of the story: a newsman who sets out to do an exposé interview, but instead falls in love. Inrelligent and critical an actor as he is. Woods is clearly uneasy with this mechanically contrived vehicle.

Dolly Parton on the other hand gets away with it triumphantly, persuading her audience to absolute belief in the story, the sentiment and herself. The role is clearly her own life the poor Tennessee farm girl who never let the big time make her desert her roots. In real life she is a mistress of the aphorism (on herself: You have no idea how much it costs to look this cheap.") When she tells a sanctimoniously suffering caller, "Come down off the cross, honey. Sameone else needs the wood," she speaks with her own voice.

Sometimes it is hard to disentangle the artist from the media flurry ground her illnesses, operations and fascinating physique. Yet as an actress, Dolly Parton's magnetism and impregnable sincerity more than compensate for limited technical range. However fixed the smile, her eyes under their heavy lids reflect the constant shifts of genuine

She has the gift of making her audience feel and believe with her even in such a questionable piece as this. The same belief imbues her singing: and those scenes which are

underlaid and commentated with original Parton songs have a different quality from those where Brad Fiedel's gurnmy musical score compounds the excesses of senti-

The film was directed, with a theatre man's appreciation of character players like Griffin Dunne and Philip Bosco, by Barnet Kellman.

Johnny Suede (Lumière, Chelsea Cinema, Camden Plaza, MGM Oxford Street. Gate Notting Hill) is another contemporary American fairytale. Johnny is a dreamy youth liv-ing alone in an urban slum. When a pair of suede shoes fall from nowhere and hit him on the head he seizes upon them as a talisman and

'Dolly Parton's impregnable sincerity more than compensates for her limited technical range'

Adopting the name of Johnny Suede, and a pompadour hair-do. he determines to be a pop star in the mould of the Fifties singer Ricky Nelson. Johnny sweetly disregards the drawback that he is no singer. and that his backing group, the Persueders (sic), are equally tone-

But then, Johnny has little contact with reality of any sort. His persis-tent daydreams keep him from even noticing the privation of the slum room he shares with his pet lizard, or the crumbling desolation of the streets around. (The film was shot in New York, but could be the noman's-land of any modern metropolis.) The rest of the film traces Johnny's journey of discovery that life, love and women are not quite like Ricky Nelson ballads.

As conceived by writer-director Tom DiCillo (who first performed Johnny Suede as a one-man stage show) and played by Brad Pitt, Johnny is a comic, vulnerable, very contemporary character. He is the archetypal loner in bedsitland.

The devastating innocence and virginity beneath his streetwise swagger are symbolised by the holed and drooping underclothes exposed when he takes off his flash street gear. Pitt, a striking young actor who played the hitch-hiker seducer in Thelma and Louise, effectively catches Johnny's absurdity, dumb cunning and unselfconscious sensu-

Di Cillo previously worked as cameraman for Jim Jarmusch on Permanent Vacation and Stranger Than Paradise. This directorial debut reveals something of the Jarmusch influence in the indulgent dawdle of the narrative, the oddball characters, the occasional Bunuelesque surrealism of Johnny's daydreams, the affectionate mockery with which Di Cillo views his creatures, and the overall, irresistible

A very different America, of 70 years ago, is recaptured in the films of William C. deMille, which can be seen this month at the National Film Theatre. William was the father of the dancer-choreographer Agnes deMille. His younger brother, Cecil B. DeMille (who always capitalised his "De") remains a Hollywood legend for his biblical epics, with their potent mixture of sex, blood and religion. William's quieter, more sophisticated films have been forgotten and physically destroyed: barely one fifth of his total output of SO pictures survive. The sons of a distinguished playwright, the brothers had already

de careers as actors and authors in the turn-of-the-century New York theatre before they moved to California and the movies. In the theatre William had insisted that plays should be accessible, universal in emotional appeal, and visual.

Adapting these principles to the silent screen, he determined "to work entirely for the eye, disregard the ear". The cinema must learn from the theatre, he wrote, "integral dramatic construction, psychology, sense of character - in short.

n his concern for truthful acting, deMille used methods that were even then unconventional. To aid his players he shot his films in strict continuity. rather than the conventional jig-saw method; and used several cameras. shooting close-ups and long shots

together. His films exemplify the silent cinema's ability to express sentiment and mood. Those concerned with marital relations have at times an erotic sophistication remarkable for



Telling it like it is: Dolly Parton takes to the radio airwaves in Straight Talk

the period in which they were made. Conrad in Search of his Youth (June 15) mingles comedy and sentiment, sometimes awkwardly, in a perceptive story of an English officer returning home from service in India and trying vainly to re-Demonstrating deMille's versatil-

ity. The Bedroom Window (June 17) is a brisk mystery story, anticipating Miss Marple with its feisty lady crime novelist who fearlessly unmasks the murderer.

Unlike most directors of silent films, deMille welcomed talking pictures. Unfortunately the courtesy was not reciprocated. Two of his best

sound films - Passion Flower (June 22) and His Double Life (June 24), a comedy skilfully played by Lillian Gish and Roland Young — can be seen in the NFT season. After a few more essays, however, deMille retired from the studios to end his days lecturing on drama at the University ARTS BRIEF

Caine raised

NOT a lot of people know this, but Michael Caine is to be-come a muppet. He will play the part of Scrooge in a new full-length musical feature film called The Muppet Christmas Carol, being filmed this summer in time for Christmas release. "It's an honour and a privilege to finally work with Miss Piggy." said the actor. Brian Henson, son of the late Jim Henson who created The Muppets. will direct the Dickens adaptation: Kermit the Frog plays Bob Cratchit.

Country music

A BIG rock concert to mark the liftieth anniversary of Oxfam is going ahead in the Malvern Hills, despite the recent outery caused by the travellers and ravers who encamped on nearby Castle-motion Common, "Oxfam 92 - Music for a Fairer World" will be held on Saturday, September 5 at Eastnor Castle. Headlining the bill will be The Cure, supported by The Levellers, Alison Movel and The Farm. The concern will continue until Tam.

Handel unmasked

A LIFE mask claimed as being of Handel has been found in an English cottage. It was in a suitcase unopened since 1949. The mask is said to be by Roubiliac, made in preparation for his famous statue of the composer in the Victoria and Albert Museum. It will be on show, along with the autograph manuscript of Messiah. in an exhibition marking the 250th anniversa-ry of Alessiah, at Pallant House Gallery in Chichester, Sussex, from June 30 to September 19.

Last chance . . .

AFTER several years in the doldrums, New Orleans is returning to its rightful place at the forefront of American jazz and popular music. No group does more to promote the city's joie de vivre than the Dirty Dozen Brass Band, a group of young musicians eight, despite their name) who bring the spirit of the Mardi Gras to R&B and modern dance tunes. Their tour ends with performances at St George's Hall, Liverpool, tonight (051-227 5646), the Coal Exchange, Bute Street, Cardiff on Saturday and Newcastle Playhouse (09)-232 7079) on Sunday.

Profile up and age down

David Barrie, the new head of the National Art Collections Fund, puts Simon Tait in the picture

t the age of 38 David Barrie has become director of one of our more venerable institutions. the 89-year-old National Art Collections Fund. He is the great-great-nephew of J.M. Barrie, and it is indeed tempting to see him as a Peter Pan of the art world, zooming about with boyish energy.

But he certainly has an adult job to do. On behalf of British public institutions the NACF buys art that is often already sold at auction, but for which the export licence has been delayed because of its importance to the heritage. It has made many notable interven-tions a Vuillard, Tintoretto and a Poussin are among recent acquisitions. Holbein's Lady with a Squirrel was acquired for the National Gallery with the help of £250,000 from the fund and earlier this year the National Portrait Gallery mounted a show of 65 portraits purchased for British galleries with NACF help.

The NACF has encouraged corporate businesses to become art philanthropists and then to cooperate with public galleries in showing their purchases. It has, of course, also had its disappointments: most recently the Badminton Cabinet went into foreign ownership despite the NACF's strenuous efforts.

Barrie became director of it last week on the retirement of Sir Peter Wakefield, the fund's linst ever full-time director.



David Barrie with Holbein's A Lady with a Squirrel and Starling

British ambassador in Brussels, took over in 1982 he found a more or less moribund organisation with about 10,000 stalwart members across the country. The membership has more than trebled since then - and, thanks to bequests, a £17 million endowment fund has been created.

Barrie has also tasted the diplomatic life, though he had already left the Foreign Office on secondment to the Cabinet Office when he was seconded again to become executive director of last year's vast Japan Festival in Britain - the biggest ever celebration of Japanese culture in the west. The four-month series of events attracted millions of visitors: not only did Barrie and his staff raise the £20 million budget, they also made a small profit, which will go to a Japan Festival educational endowment fund for

The NACF has 22 staff and they are perhaps nervous about Barrie's intentions. "We're expecting what you might call a bit of a rehang," said one member, a phrase which delights Barrie: "If that's so I'd better make sure I hang them in a good light," he

ny such rehang will be in a new environment. The rooms at the back of the Tate Gallery which the fund has occupied since 1983 are too cramped, and in any case the Tate would like the space for galleries. Barrie wants the fund in a new home preferably close to the heart of the art market in St James's

within a year. He also wants to lift membership to 100,000 by appealing to younger art lovers. "We have to raise the profile," he says. "The constituency of people not in the arts who

would support the NACF if they only knew about it is really quite large." All that will need marketing and a presence in schools, perhaps through competitions.

What it all adds up to is expansion. Barrie's crashcourse in gigantism with the Japan Festival should surely come in handy. "I made some useful friends there whom I shan't hesitate to call on," he says. Barrie himself became a member five years ago "because it seemed to be doing something which mattered to me about our art heritage".

As a yachtsman he has sailed the Atlantic and the South China Sea, but his great enthusiasm is for John Ruskin and in 1987 he published his abridged edition of Ruskin's Modern Painters. He believes Ruskin has a message for us about the nature of art. His own new task he sees as spreading that message.

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Pseudos' corner

rather miss the Cold War. You knew where you were with it, for one thing. and for another it had its literary and dramatic benefits. You could go about using terms plucked from John Le Carré and in the early days of his prominence you could wag a finger at that white house in the remote Cornish villlage of Sennen Cove and say: "That's where David Cornwell lives."

"Who?" someone would obligingly ask. "David Cornwell, you know, that's John Le Carré's real name."

So Le Carre is, with pleasing irony, an illegal of sorts. Sails under a flag of convenience. As did most of the characters in Tom Bower's Inside Story documentary on BBC 1 last night. Bower is best and most recently known as the pursuer of Robert Maxwell, a liar and a cheat who changed his name from the Czech in order to be accepted in western society. So this was familiar Bower territory, being about people who lied and cheated and changed their names in order to be accepted in the west.

The KGB has always faroured the use of illegals, the name given to spies who take on a foreign identity so completely that they believe in it themselves. Gordon Lonsdale. the Russian who made himself British on behalf of the KGB's Directorate S, is probably the best known here, but there have been thousands of others.

Bower interviewed several. some of them couples. At one stage I was reaching for the aspirin: here was a Russian who went to Germany and became a German, subsequently took a trip to Vienna where he "accidentally" met a woman outside the opera

house. They fell in love and went to India, or was it Italy? No, he went to India to establish a "legend" (as both the KGB and Le Carré call its and then they went to Rome, from where they flew to Brazil and became Brazilians and got married, except that they had already married years before in Moscow: and eventually to the United States, which was the destination, of course, all along. If only George Smiley could have sat through this with me, he would have

understood. What good did all this do the Russians? Richard Helms, a former CIA director, said he didn't know what good it did them either. "If you can find out I'd be interested to hear." But then he would say that, wouldn't he? A former KGB man said he thought Russia would use illegals more and more now that the old. Cold War certainties had disappeared. But then he would say that, wouldn't he?

I daresay there is great excitement in being an illegal. in convincing everyone, some times including oneself, that one is somebody else. Must be like being Robert De Nito. Except that the rewards are

Deception is an odd and risky trade. One Russian spent years in China posing as a Finn although, astonishingly. he did not speak Finnish. I suppose if he had encountered another Finn he would have heen, er, finished, Perhans the KGB calculated that a Finn wanting to be on both sides at once hardly needs to leave home, unless he is a Russian. If you see what I mean.

PETER BARNARD

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ROCK RECORDS

Long service awards

THE failure of Los Lobos to capitalise on the success of their hit "La Bamba". a UK No 1 in 1987, was largely selfinflicted. The group sound like heavy, roots-rock guitar heroes one minute and the house band at a Mexican brasserie the next.

On Kiko (Slash 828 298-2) the combo from East Los Angeles at last manage to reconcile the two sides of their split personality to produce a musical hybrid of surpassing mystery and grace. There is constant variety — from the slinky, rockabilly shuffle of "That Train Don't Stop Here" to the brass-band-from-hell finale of "Rio De Tenampa" - but a coherent mood is maintained throughout. Foremost among a wealth of exotic treats are "Kiko and the Lavender Moon" with its sinuous accordion and horns motif

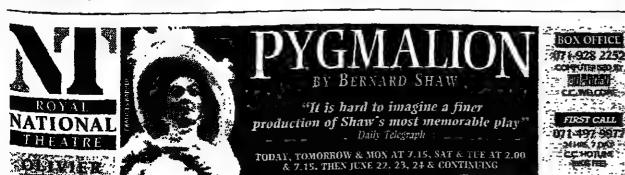
and the gorgeous lift of "Saint

Behind The Glass". The late Alex Harvey was a true original. On a good night he and his Sensational Band purveyed an eccentric brand of rock theatre that was beyond compare. But it was always difficult to cupture the essence of his vaudevillian appeal on record, which is why the band's achievements have gradually slipped from prominence in the history books.

All Sensations (Vertigo 512 201-2) is a compilation of SAHB's recorded legacy from their peak years of 1973-75, and includes "Faith Healer". "Vambo". "Marble Eye". "Next", "Anthem", "Framed" and the comically overwrought version of "Delilah" which became their biggest

DAVID SINCLAIR





Peter Ackroyd on the improbable marriage of Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson, both unfaithful yet devoted to one other

Attraction of opposites at Sissinghurst

t is hard not to begin this book with a feeling of detachment from such people and such a life. By the end, it is impossible not to respond to them with sympathy and even affection. How is this to be explained, except by the power of love?

The marriage of Harold Nicolson and Vita Sackville-West has, over the years, become as much a notable and visible property as Sissinghurst itself. There is a grand irony here, for they were essentially private people whose true feelings were reserved for one another. They met in 1910, in a world of balls and parties; she lived at Knole and in Mayfair, while he became a junior diplomat in Constantinople. It is easy to see them as the spoiled children of a spoiled age, no more than representative of their class in an England long since gone. But that would be to miss the inflections of genuine feeling which from the beginning make this correspond-ence (most of it unpublished) so

interesting.
"There is no fun equal to being quite at the beginning of things," she wrote in 1912. A year later, they were married in the chapel at Knole. From the start their union was something of an oddiny. There was very little sensuality in their fervour and, at first glance, the marriage seems all shop-window and no shop. They really wanted to be "wonderfully good friends" but in her long confessional list of such vices as untidiness and unpunctuality. Vita Sackville-West never mentioned homosexuality. Certain broad hints were given on occa-sions, however: "Violet (Keppel) and I acted afterwards, and ended up in each other's arms.'

Which brings us incluctably to the notorious affair with La Trefusis, although it is by no means the most interesting portion of this correspondence. Nigel Nicolson

VITA AND HAROLD The Letters of Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson, 1910-1962 **Edited by Nigel Nicolson** Weidenfeld and Nicolson, £20.00

"mettle", and indeed at most points in that torrid liaison Harold Nicolson seems to confine himself to a kind of submerged gurgling: "Darling, she is evil and I am not evil." Yet years and even centuries of English restraint were finally over-come, and he acted to sever the relationship. What becomes apparent, in the process, is his extraordinary love for her. "I realise it is all as if you had been run over by a bus and broken your leg, and however bloody, it is not your fault." Given the capricious nature of Vita Sackville-West at this point in her life, such a response is a model of understatement and sympathy. Indeed, Harold Nicolson

emerges as the real star of the marriage, at least in a literary sense. Vita Sackville-West, on the evidence of these letters, was a much less flexible writer and is always better at describing events or persons than in evoking her emotions. Perhaps she did not want to get too close to them or understand them. but the price of that evasion was an insidious theatricality. Yet one of the interests of this volume lies precisely in the manner in which her love for him deepened so that, after 16 years of a marriage which lasted for almost 50, she explained that "I could not live if I lost you".

In this period she wrote to him from Long Barn while he replied from Lausanne or Teheran or Berlin: in turn this means that there is a continuing double focus in this correspondence, moving between their private lives and

was a diplomar and later a politician and, although he cannot be considered a notable success in either role, on all occasions he gives what might be considered the inside view of such events as the Abdication and the early stages of the second world war. It might have been interesting to trace the extent to which his liberal autitudes in private life affected his response to public events (although perhaps the connection was the other way around), but there is not really enough evidence here to come to a definitive judgment.

The correspondence does convey. however, what seems to have been the distinctive flavour of these years (particularly those between the wars), when the lethargy of an imperial fin-de-siècle seems to have seized many of the great figures of the time. It was an age when the imperatives of private freedom had displaced the stricter duties of an earlier period, and when a certain type of nice but rather ineffectual Englishness began its rise to promi-nence. All public values seemed to be formed only in reaction to the past, and as a result it is difficult not to sense in Nicolson, as in so many of his contemporaries, a certain lack of internal strength. Of course it did not feel like that at the time and, like most people in love, Harold Nicolson and Vita Sackville-West overestimated each other's talents. As far as he was concerned, she was the most extraordinary poet of her generation, whereas for her he "reflected the truly Greek and also the Christian

But Vita and Harold is interesting for much more than its account of these two lovers: included here are certain portraits of contemporaries which are worth preserving for their own sake. There is James Joyce, leaving Harold Nicolson



Vita (on Virginia Woolf): "I did sleep with her. . . " Harold: "It is like smoking over a petrol tank"

and vulnerable strangeness", and Einstein looking "like a child who for fun has put on a mask painted like Einstein". Then there is Virgin-Woolf remarking to Vita Sack-"You have written copulation" - and what an extraordinary portrait she gives of that strange, mad woman, "shivering" with "excitement" as she walks among a London crowd.

Yet in the end the principal impression of this volume remains that of the love between the two of them. It is hard not to be moved by the happiness they managed to impart to each other, it is almost as if happiness itself had been entrusted to them for a time, so that one

Virginia's Ophelia complex

uch has been the amount published about Bloomsbur. over the past 25 years that, even as one speaks, arthritic limbs are doubtless poised to leap from stepladders to anic in a quest for old papers. Some might say that the resulting volumes prove of most interest to remainder-merchants. and even the less cynical know that nothing left - except for Lytton Straches's letters - can come close to Virginia Woolf's diaries.

Much the most substantial collection in recent years was her husband's Letters. Less so is this pieces, such as those by Lyndall Gordon and Jane Emery, have a microwaved taste, while others find Lord Annan and John Russell in after-dinner mode: but there are others that shed amused light on miumphs and follies.

Three come from Quentin Bell. One regrets that he has not written an autobiography, for he relishes irony, a quality which stood him in good stead with his aunt. Virginia Woolf, if not with those latter-day feminists who have nailed her to their banner.

He has great sport with that

A CEZANNE IN THE HEDGE Edited by Hugh Lee Collins and Brown, £16,49

terrifyingly self-absorbed compos er. Dame Ethel Smyth. "Leonard persuaded me to accompany them home in a taxi, and it was in the taxi that Leonard, trusting to poor Ethel's deafness, said to me: 'Can't you shut her up, Quentin? Unfor-turnately he had not realized that the interior of a taxi may serve as a kind of sounding box in which even the deaf may hear." Agitated, Dame Ethel then based Leonard by abusing Socialism. "Bernard Shaw had recently published a book called The Intelligent Woman's Guide to Socialism, and this excited her scorn and anger... She went on and on with really dreadful persistence until at last Leonard could no longer resist the obvious refort 'Perhaps it was not addressed

mong the other redoubtable women who fill the pages is A women who the the page the doctor Octavia Wilherforce, friend of actress Elizabeth Robins, both recalled by Leon Edel. who conveys the tactics to which a biographer has recourse. He spent part of a Fifties summer at the Sussex rest-home which she ran with bruising efficiency. Small wonder that he speculates whether a different doctor would have saved Virginia Woolf from the Ouse. That is as may be, as is the aquatic imagery in her work: to which must now be added an early piece, here first published: closely observed and fantastic. "A Terrible Tragedy in a Duckpond" gives a first-person

This almost befell somebody else. Nigel Nicolson recalls hounds streaming across our fields. The stag leapt into the lake pursued by the hounds, swimming and by the huntsman, who had taken our rowing boat which was tethered to the bank, and Vita, seeing this, seized her rifle, strode down to the lake and fired not at the stag, not at the hounds, not at the huntsman, but at our rowing boat and sank it. Then she shouldered her stillsmoking rifle, while my father looked on amazed."

For all its talk of French art. Bloomsbury was never far from Ealing in spirit.

CHRISTOPHER HAWTREE

To the Kabul station

Alan Chalfont

THE BEAR TRAP Afghanistan's Untold Story By Mohammed Yousaf and Mark Adkin Leo Cooper, £13.50

hen the Soviet army invaded Afghanistan in December 1979, the strategic implications were obvious. At that time, when Gordachev had no yet begun to erase "the Soviet threat" from the calculus of world power, any extension of Soviet military power rang alarm bells all over the world - in Western Europe, in America and in China. The appearance of 100,000 Russian troops in Afghanistan had an especially urgent significance for Pakistan, where they were perceived as a threat not only to Islam. but to the country's territorial integrity.

It was not surprising therefore that Pakistan should become closely involved in the operations of the Afghan Mujahidin against the occupying Army. President Zia of who once declared that "the Armed Forces are my constituency". It was not difficult for his military advisers to convince him that Pakistan's forward defence against Soviet aggression involved supporting the Mujahidin with arms, ammunition, intelligence and training; and also providing a base and safe haven for them in the North West Frontier Province and Baluchistan.

Nor was it surprising that assistance and support should be readily available from the United States. China and Britain, all reacting with varying degrees of commitment to Soviet aggression, and from countries like Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Turkey, alarmed at the spectacle of an Islamic people being engulied by the arms of a communist superpower. The Soviet army found itself confronted by forces far more effective than the few thousand guerrillas armed with obsolete rifles and primitive bombs, which they might have been led to expect

from their intelligence estimates. Behind the Mujahidin, who were brave and resourceful, but disorganised and debilitated by personal and tribal rivalries, the Pakistan intelligence organisation - the ISI - was at the centre of a co-ordinated operation which provided bases, intelligence and training and which controlled the flow of thousands of tons of arms into Afghanistan. The ISI worked in close association with the American CIA, which provided money and

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An Afghan Mujahid at prayer. Photograph by Judah Passow

carefully "sanitised" satellite intelligence. Many of the weapons came from the West (the "Stinger", an infra-red heat-seeking anti-aircraft missile, was the most familiar example) but the favourite suppliers were the Chinese, who earned a high reputation for delivering modern and reliable equipment.

From 1983-1987 this remarkable operation was under the control of Brigadier Mohammed Yousaf, the head of the Afghan Bureau of the ISI. He has now written, in collaboration with Mark Adkin, a former British infantry officer, an account of his years as the Mujahidin's commander-inchief. The muscular prose style, clear and lucid, but with some of the didacticism of a staff college essay, can possibly be credited to Major Adkin, but the story is

The book opens with a description of the air crash in 1988 that killed President Zia, his senior military adviser and the American ambassador, the real cause of which, in Yousaf's view, will never be known because the Americans and the Pakistanis conspired to

prevent a full investigation. Brigadier Yousaf describes with unconcealed amusement the bizarre appearances in Pakistan of the mysterious "Mr Black" actually William Casey, the director of the CIA. Unforgettable is a Wilson, mounted on a white pony and dressed in Mujahidin clothing, with a bandolier of ammunition across his chest,

On the more sombre side there are ambushes, assassinations, raids, rocket attacks and all the savagery of guerrilla warfare which does much to encourage the sometimes over-simple equation that one man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter. There is also an extraordinary account of an abortive plan to blow up the Salang Tunnel, the highest tunnel in the world, by means of antics which even James Bond would have rejected as impracticable.

I here are some maps, also of the staff college variety, relying a good deal on arrows. One photograph shows the author with Gul Badin Hekmanyar, prophetically described as "the best known and most controversial Fundamentalist leader".

Yousaf is somewhat severe on the Americans and their motives. To characterise their involvement in Afghanistan as an attempt to exorcise the evil spirits of Vietnam is surely an injustice. But he has written a valuable account of a crucial episode in the decline and fall of the Soviet empire.

Lord Chalfont, sometime Labour foreign office minister and former Times defence correspondent, now sits on the

Post-imperial longings

nly in retrospect is the reader likely to realise that Gillian Tindall's sober narrative actually disguises a wild. almost gothic melodrama. The story is told by a staid, middle-aged doctor, Stephen Mason, and Tindall is almost too successful in reproducing the cliches, circumlocutions, cluttered syntax, complacent moralising of a man who has never concerned himself with literature. Pausing at one point, Mason reflects tortuously on events: "There emea to be too many intense conflicting preoccupations, private worlds all crowding clandestinely that summer over the same narrow

space of days ... I had to read that sentence more than once to make sense of it. This brief novel contains a fatal car crash, two attempted murders, a vanished baby, a man's expedition in search of his Doppelgänger, civil war and illicit sex. Most of it takes place in an invented far eastern country, loosely based. I suspect, on a combination of rural Burma and urban Singapore.
Spirit Weddings is an adventure

story — the tale of the quest of Dr Mason's son Christopher for his apparent twin, spotted in a newspaper photograph - that might

SPIRIT WEDDINGS By Gillian Tindall Hutchinson, £13.99

Sean French

almost have appealed to Rider Haggard. But it has been filtered. first through the resolutely unliterary Dr Mason, and then the insistently literary sensibility of Tindall herself. To quote the rese to the countr as "Oh the horror of it" is to invite consideration of Conrad. Tindall's story of a snatched baby gives a redemptive twist to Forster's Where Angels Fear to Tread. Most fruitfully, though, this story of a family still caught up in the

drama of empire draws on our greatest explorer of the subject, Rudyard Kipling. The germ of this novel lies in Kipling's story, Mrs Bathurst, in which a woman crosses the world in search of a face glimpsed in a newsreel. The westerners searching for lost family members in Tindall's "Great Land" recall the bereaved relatives of the fallen of the Great War in Kipling's famous story. The Story. Always behind events is the great

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This is not literary anti-quarianism. Tindall's genteel middle class English characters discover that they are still haunted by family ghosts: the world of Barbara Pym is suddenly crossed with a more violent, exotic literary setting. The invented country seems irritating at first, but it was necessary because an authentic location would have dwarfed the psychological problems of one English family. convinces us of the locale's reality. but it remains impossible enough to remind us that this is abroad as a state of mind. The subject of this book is not the empire but family ties: that which connects people across time and space.

Some of my initial frustration remains. Though there is no doubt that Gillian Tindall places us in Stephen Mason's mind, I occasionally wished I were somewhere else. Yet this is a satisfying novel, not least because in its cleverty wrought conclusion it remains true to itself as an adventure story, as well as a novel of feeling and ideas.

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Last of the lightfoot lads

ohn Bayley's study of Housman's poems is a brilliant and rambling book - and I do not intend the second adjective to imply even a partial retraction of the first. It describes rather a method of enquiry and celebration, reminiscent of Donne's description of the way to reach Truth (but without his self-conscious effortfulness): "On a huge hill / Cragged and steep. Truth stands, and hee that will / Reach her, about must, and about

Professor Bayley's exhilarating stroll, circling about and about groups of loosely-clustered poems. will doubtless merely irritate those who prefer their literature and life to be driven in straight lines. It will also disappoint those who make a virtue of obscurity, and assault the hill of truth with the crampons of jargon. Bayley's path through the Shropshire hills is strenuous, but not unnecessarily so: he walks it for pleasure and the reader who joins him will discover the delights of the scenic route. Each new turn brings unexpected angles on humanity a glimpse of some hidden valley in the human heart, an expanding

vista of thought. Bayley produces literary criticism of the "close-reading" school at its purest and most old-fashioned. He remains aloof from all attempts to make criticism a "science", and appears scarcely affected by structuralism and all its swarming. parent-devouring offspring. Nor does he attempt to place Housman in the context of his age, or systematically to interpret the poetry in the light of Housman's life.

we have is poetry Caroline Moore read in a vacuum. Bayley's HOUSMAN'S ments upon Hous-**POEMS** man's clash with By John Bayley pensants of Cam-Clarendon Press, £25 bridge, the new critical arbiters"



Enoch Powell's tutor

those, like Housman, of "selfwas a man who had been soaked in recognition", which "evcludes any suggestion of the dramatic" and proffers "emotion without anitude". Such poetry works like a complex stimuli, the unconscious dream. Dreams, as Bayley suggests, are not vitiated by a sense of their own escapism or inauthenticourselves lucky to have a critic ity: they do not offer commentaries upon themselves: they do not invite sharing. What they give is a felt change of consciousness" which

> author's unprotected being". Perhaps it is easier to say what

short-circuits the reader to "their

they are. Bayley's oblique method serves him well here: he approaches Housman by contrasting him with Years or Geoffrey Hill, or through his affinities with Larkin. When he analyses the dreams themselves, his criteria may seem rather similar to those of the connoisseurs of selfconsciousness. Within the "emotion without attitude" he finds "hidden attitudes", as any selfrespecting academic must. He praises the poetry of unpredictability, of opposites and reversals: he enjoys a good paradox as much as the next don. But with Bayley there is always the possibility that one's imagination might be expanded.

This, in the end, is what we turn to critics like Bayley for. Many of the phrases that Bayley uses to praise Housman's poetry could be turned on him: "fantastically yet fastidiously emphatic language an "element of dead pan oddity"; the ability to evade a conventional response "in complicated and unexpected ways". These fine qualifies are susceptible to abuse: wordmongering, or the super-subtleties of the merely dever.

But Bayley, like the poets he admires, is never merely selfregarding. His real subject is the range and complexity of human experience. I can think of no critic better able to plumb the peculiar. emotional and poetic compensations of Housman's homosexual love - sealed off in hopelessness and privacy, but thereby constantly available for poetry, and for a sort of enjoyment. Next term John Bayley will surrender his chair at Oxford to Terry Eagleton, I fear we

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Le swell est arrivé

Andy Martin takes to his surfboard, in that west coast frame of mind



HUMAN beings divide into two groups: west coasters and east coasters. West coasters are easygoing, loose-limbed hedonists.

while east coasters are serious, sombre-suited workaholics. Fortunately, landlocked dionysians who inhabit a west coast of the mind do not have to go all the way to California to turn fantasy into reality. France has the best west coast in Europe and some of the greatest surfing beaches in the

The summer I got married it was a kind of bigarny as I was still married to my board, so the three of us compromised by going on a surfing honeymoon, hugging the Adamic coast of France According

to my beachbum's Guide Michelin, a map of "208 spots pour surfer" drawn from the pages of a French surfing magazine (with "Superspots" awarded the accolade of three stars), there would be deep ocean swells ramming up against the continental shelf and generating gnarly breaks all the way from Boulogne to Biarritz

That was the theory. In practice 1 discovered there is a clear distinction between the north-west and the south-west sides of the "hexagon" - one that may go a long way towards explaining why Albert Camus contrasted angst-ridden, suicidal Nordic types with the sunnier sensualists of the south.

In vain I scoured Normandy for the Holy Grail of the perfect waves. I could not even find imperfect ones in Siouville and Le Rozel, where desperate locals were reduced to ie skim or skimboarding (frolicking on the water's edge with sawn-off surfloards). A sprinkling of palm tres seemed a good omen, though.
After the gentle undulations of Normandy (on both sides of the shoreline), Brittary provided further promising portents in the shape of craggy headlands, plunging chasms, and a throng of three-fin thrusters strapped to 2CVs.

The most westerly of all beaches in France is the ominously named Bale des Trépassés (Bay of the Deceased) on the Pointe du Raz not far from Quimper. Supposedly inhabited by the spirits of the drowned, this is the site of the legendary city of is, once capital of Comounilles" and Brittany's Sodbeneath a punitive tidal wave.

The princess whose revels attracted this calamity was turned into a mermaid, reputed to lure sea goers to their doom. On the August day I was there I found only a green, sheltered bay with small but wellformed rights and lefts, dismissed by hardened lifeguards as merely sympa (that is, unlikely to deter even the most timid tyro).

In contrast, the rugged Côte Sauvage of the Quiberon peninsula. amply lived up to its name. Bleak and comfortless, hammered by storm-driven, life-threatening breakers, it is definitely for the hard-core lunatic fringe only. The beach is punctuated with skull and crossbones signs that warn of danger mortel and attract surfers in droves. The mysterious megaliths of Carnac down the road look like tombstones for prehistoric waveriders crazy enough to shoot the bone-crunching curi that crashes

over shallow reefs. Further south, La Sauzale boasts three-star, left-handed point break, a solid 4ft or 5ft on the day I was there. The locals hogging the



Hawaii? No this is Biarritz: France has the best west coast in the whole of Europe and the best surfing beaches in the world

SURFERS

BAY OF BISCAY

Capbreton (no stars), where I ran

into Martin Potter, known as

'Pottz" to the cognoscenti, Britain's

own numero uno, pulling off the manoeuvre he has made his own,

The Grande Plage at Biarritz, the

cradle of surfing in Europe, provid-

ed a natural amphitheatre for the

Arena Surfmasters, the last of the

three events in France's answer to

Hawaii's Triple Crown contest.

Napoleon III's wife, Eugenie, built

an egotistical palace on the beach

in the shape of an E. Now surfers

are invited into the Grand Palais

Once the haunt of night-clubbers

and casinophiles. Biarritz has been

reincarnated as a centre for

activités sportives. The real fanatics

surf in the morning and golf in the

afternoon. In March Biarritz hosts

the first half of an almost unique

sporting contest that involves surf-

ing waves one day and snow in the

Pyrenees the next. The only compa-

rable event takes place around Los

Angeles. Small wonder that such

the "aerial floater".

for aperitifs.

narrow peak are not invariably respectful of the away team: one, following my less than immaculate take-off, asked: "It is a long time

you are doing the surf?" Past La Rochelle, the exhilarating transition from north to south: grey roofs become red, walls white, the surf bigger and the water warmer. Lacanau, west of Bordeaux, is a quiet little town that for a week in August goes berserk during the Quiksilver Lacanau Pro. a grand prix event on the professional surfers' world tour. Blond stereotypes from every cor-ner of the globe flock in. With marquees mushrooming, flags flut-tering from a hundred flagpoles and surfers brandishing boards like lances, it had the flavour of a medieval jousting tournament. The menus of beachfront restaurants offer such rarities as salade dans le tube and glace wipeout, referring to the peaks and troughs of the surfing experience.

he high point of the contest came when I nearly won the women's event f naddled out well up the beach from the competition zone. Having been worked over by one or two foaming six-footers, I distantly heard a PA announcement "Will the surfer in the blue wetsuit on the white board get out of the water because he is interfering with the competitors." I saw four strapping women surfers steaming towards me. I was the surfer in the blue wersuit. That white board was mine. A furtive rip current had swept me into the collective gaze of a hundred thousand spectators. A score of yard-long telephoto lenses swivelled to track my every move. Resisting the temptation to pull

off some eye-catching radical manocuvres and get myself a centrefold in Surfing Magazine, I followed instructions and cruised in on my belly only to be turned upside down by a punchy six-incher 2ft from the beach. I got the biggest round of applause of the day. A kid

GLOSSARY

 Aerial floater: a combined manoeuvre in which the board briefly flies free of the waves then makes a re-entry down through the white water Break: any spot where the waves are rideable, hence pointbreak, break where waves wrap around point or headland

• Left hander: a wave that breaks from right to left from the perspective of the surfer; hence right hander, a wave that breaks left to right ● Lip: pitching crest of a hollow or semi-hollow wave Peak: highest part of the

 Thruster: modern board ■ Tube: a cylindrical "hollow" wave you can disappear into

with glasses asked me for my autograph. We left town in a hurry with a Hawaiian photographer on board. I had to give him a lift in exchange for the incriminating pictures he had taken. Having put their heads into the mouths of the man-eating monster waves of Waimea Bay, Hawaiians have an air of transcendent wisdom. I worried about getting my board stolen. It was a beaten-up sort of board, a barge

with a fin on it - but it was mine. "Don't worry," drawled the Hawaiian. "nobody's going to steal that board." A few days later it disappeared in Hossegor, rechristened "Ozziegore" by a team of expatriate Australian board-shapers. Fortunately, this is one of the many spots in the region where you can hire boards for about FFr100 a day, and join a school if your

technique is in need of fine-tuning. On Hossegor's Seignosse Beach (three stars) the Rip Curl Pro was on, but there were even better waves to be had down the road at

surfing superstars as Australian Gary Elkerton, formerly known as Kong, and Californian Tom Curren, last year's world champion, have taken up residence around here and married French women. When the waves are flat in winter they drive up into the mountains with their snowboards.

Just a few kilometres north of town, Les Cavaliers (keep going past Sables d'Or) pumps out the shapellest and glassiest waves in France. The only slight drawback when I went there was that dozens of world-class surfers were dancing flawlessly on every peak. When you find yourself paddling for the same wave as the current world champion, it is like suddenly seeing Boris Becker on the other side of the net when you are winding up to serve. You are apt to double-fault. If you want somewhere less crowded, the recibreak at Guéthary to the south is the best bet.

For the style-conscious, a visit to the Quiksilver factory at St Jean-de-Luz, for some of the coolest baggies and T-shirts in the world, is de rigueur. Even if you cannot catch any waves, at least you can look like a surfer.

The pro surfers and my "Superspots" map carried on into Spain and Portugal. We followed them as far as Mundaca, an outstanding rivermouth break, but despite the lure of further unmissable three-starrers the lack of a decent boulangerie and cafe had us haring back over the border to refuel. There may be many west coasts, but only France combines in such perfect harmony the noble savagery of the state of nature with the self-indulgent pleasures of civilisation. At least if the quest for the perfect wave remains unfulfilled there is no shortage of the perfect pain chocolat and petite religiouse.

● Lacanau Quiksilver Pro, August 19-23; Hossegor Rip Curl Pro, August 26-30; Biarritz Arena Surfmasters, September 2-6 Andy Martin is the author of Walking

on Water (Minerva, £5.99).

Warmed by the gossip

e decided to hold a parry. Nothing formal Just drinks out on the terrace where, in the fading warmth of the setting sun, French and English neighbours could be as one.

Mary had long held the view that we should do more to get to know the native community. "We say bonjour and bon soir, but we don't really know them." After two years summer residency it was surely about time that our Gascon farmhouse should host an Entente

A blimpish friend who has spent so long here as to be high on foie gras warned against international socialising. "When they get together it's always a family do. If they want to talk with friends, they can do it in the café or playing boule. They don't feel compelled to make great thing of it."

There was a corollary to his line of reasoning. "If you do send out invitations, their first thought will be 'What are they up to? What do they want?"."

We rebelled against the sugges tion of mean-mindedness. The Gascons are among the kindest and friendliest people. Try going out for a walk. It is rare to get five minutes down the road without an offer of a lift, usually from a farmer in a 2CV who cannot bring himself to accept that any intelligent being would use two feet when four wheels are available. An aged relative with a limited grasp of French gave up on his holiday exercise after twice being returned to the house by solicitous drivers who mistook his protestations for a polite but unnecessary effort to save them trouble. But, as we have come to realise, generosity of spirit is not to be confused with liberated

manners. There are English cou-ples well into their second decade of Gascon life who are reconciled to ending their days as Monsieur and Madame even to their closest French

From the outset it was clear that if our party was to breech the social barriers, it required careful planning. First we ined up our English guests. Francophiles to a man

and woman, they were led by the Goodmans, the senior expatriates of the neighbourhood and former restaurateurs who, some ten years earlier, had arrived in Gascony determined to enjoy the food and wine that hitherto they had served to others. Easy conversationalists in both languages, the Goodmans were briefed to arrive early. A party of Gascons presided over by itinerant English who have to think twice before framing a sentence was too awful to contemplate.

Then we started on the French. At the top of the hit list was the mayor. No matter that M le Maire's is a small commune - no more than 200 souls scattered across the hills and valley - his prestige stands high as the only observable symbol of state authority. Our mayor is a farmer who takes time off from tractor-driving to spend an hour a day in an office where he bashes out official letters on a manual typewriter.

Instead of a written invitation we called in on the mayor at his home. He said he would be delighted to come. He wasn't so sure about his wife. The family was expected for the weekend and she had much to do in the kitchen. Madame, busy at the oven, said nothing.

Should we press harder on the assumption that, given the chance,



WHEN IN FRANCE

madame would be only too happy to take a break? Or was it wiser to. give way, on the principle that a mayor in the hand is worth holding on to? It was a bold Mary who made the choice. "You must bring all the family." She threw open her arms as if to embrace ... six? A dozen? When it comes to families they think big in Gascony.

But at least with the mayor as pied piper, we had no problem in

completing the guest list.

Came the day. The English arrived on the dot. All, that is, except the Goodmans, who belied their reputation for punctuality with what, at the time, I regarded as a feeble excuse. Something to do with a sick cat.

Nervously clutching our glasses of chilled white, we gathered on the terrace. And waited. Pangs of regret were beginning to hurt when Mary spotted the first car, visible at about half a mile across open countryside, as it turned the bend in the road and headed towards us. It was followed by another car and another until there was a full procession snaking its way through the avenue of limes.

Mary and I moved forward to meet the on-coming traffic. As we did so, we were uncomfortably aware of our English guests backing away to the shadier and darker

end of the terrace.

The Renaults and Peugeots parked in a neat line with a



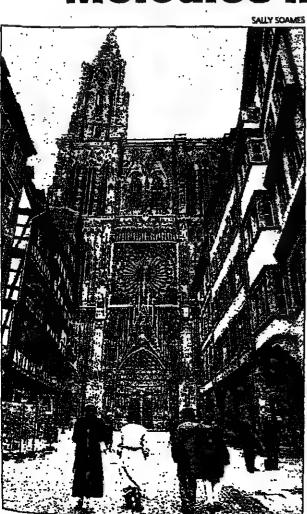
cacophony of doors opening and slamming. Then they were upon us, a cheerful enthusiastic crowd. secure in numbers. We made the introductions, poured drinks. It was the French, the reluctant party goers, who did most of the talking. The rest of us were made uncomfortably aware of what other Europeans have known for generations that conversing less than fluently in a second language can be an exhausting business.

Then the Goodmans put in an appearance. They had news of a garage proprietor who had gone off to Marseilles with a wallet full of bank notes, ostensibly to buy agricultural machinery. When he failed to reappear, it was feared that he had fallen victim to the Marseilles mafia. But now, apparently, he had been seen - with a woman. This was just what the party needed. As a conversation starter, there is nothing quite like a breath of scandal. Everybody — French and English — had a line on what he was up to. We relaxed.

The sun dipped to a chorus of revving engines. As the last car roared away along the track we made two resolutions. To work harder on our language tapes: and to brush up on local gossip.

BARRY TURNER

Melodies in medieval setting



Old glory: Strasbourg will echo to a Rossini tribute

Tomorrow sees the open ing of one of France's oldest festivals, the Strasbourg Music Festival, now in its 54th year. Comprising 12 concerts and two operas, including tributes to Rossini. Honegger and Sandor Vegh, the festival runs until July 4. Led by Sir Yehudi Menuhin, the festival's honorary president, the organisers have invited an array of worldclass orchestras and soloists, making the next three weeks the perfect time to discover this delightful medieval city. Dwarfed by the breathtak-

ing Gothic cathedral of Notre Dame, "Le Grande Ange Rose De Strasbourg," intricately carved with its complicated web of pinnacles and spires, the half-timbered medieval houses of Strasbourg with their steeply pitched roofs huddle unevenly along the quay-sides and cobbled streets of the old town, dripping their baskets of bright flowers.

Swans sail serenely past the lovers strolling along the banks of the River IIL As a river city of great charm, Strasbourg shares the romance of Paris but it has such distinctly German feel to it that the first time visitor could be forgiven for wondering if he had crossed the border. However, it is on a British

note that this year's festival

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opens when the London Oriana Choir accompanied by London's Philharmonia orchestra will perform Rossini's Stabat Mater and Puccini's Messa di Gloria in the magnificent setting of the cathedral. Soloists include Benjamin Luxon, Maldwyn Davies and Lynda Russell.

The quality of the soloists

make Strasbourg one of France's most important musical events. On June 17 the pianist Vladimir Ashkenazy will give a recital of works by Chopin and will also play Mussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition. Strasbourg celebrates the 70th birthday of the French flautist Jean-Pierre Rampal with a concert on June 22. On June 20 festival goers have a chance to hear Paul Meyer, the Alsace-born clarinettist, display his virtuosity when he returns home to play Mozart, Wagner and

variations on Rossini. On June 16 Krystian Zimerman will play Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 3 and Symphony No with the Young Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

The highlight of the festival occurs on June 25 when James Bowman, the British counter tenor gives a recital of ancient Italian music in the beautiful Eglise St Pierre Le Jeune. Dating from the early 13th century, this rose-coloured church with its star-painted ceiling and faded 14th-century frescoes will provide a magical and intimate setting for works by Vivaldi, Monteverdi and Pergolese.

For opera fans, Strasbourg offers a new production of Verdi's La Traviata and Rossini's The Barber of Seville with Gabriel Bacquier as Bartolo and Teresa Berganza's student Maria Bayo as Rosina, in a revival of Jérôme Savary's 1987 festival triumph. Completing the tribute to Rossini, the festival closes with

the Petite Messe Solennelle performed by the German choir Süddeutsches Vokalensemble at the Eglise Abbatiale d'Ebersmunster.

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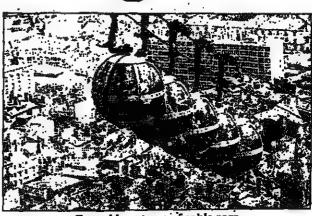
far south as

Grenoble GRENOBLE is a city to be

seen from on high. There are two Mercure hotels there, the Alperpo and the Alpotel. As their names suggest, it is the Alps that dominate Grenoble. These are the Dauphine Alps, but full of spectacular roaring torrents, on some of which kayaks race. Grenoble is the main town of the region, set at the crossroads of three river valleys, and it housed the Winter Olympics in 1968. Cable cars help visitors about the town and up to the villages looming above it, some with houses built into the rock face. Amid the well-wooded Chartreuse Massif lies the 11thcentury monastery of the Grande Chartreuse.

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The NHS is now competing with the private sector by providing better facilities. Jeremy Laurance says

economic factors will be the deciders

part from the war of Jeranier's ear, the NHS featured less than expected in the general election. John Major's personal commitment to its preservation "as long as I am prime minister" left the opposition with little room for kicking snins.

Preserving the NHS, however, means preserving public access, not public provision. So long as everybody has equal access to treatment free at the point of use, the government believes it maners not whether that treatment is delivered in a Bupa unit or a

general hospital. The election result has secured the future of this plural market in hearin care, in which state and private hospitals are expected to private sector the changes carry both a carrot and a stick.

The carrot is that the separation of purchasers (heaitn authorities) and providers (hospitals) should open up a vast new NHS market for private hospitais.

Health authorities, however, have been rejuctant so far to establish new contracts with private hospitals except temporarily to

clear waiting lists.
The stick is that NHS trusts are expected to compete with the private sector for private patients through upgrading their facilities and promoting their services.

A course of years ago it seemed that the sack might be winning. NHS hospitals increased their revenue from private patients faster than private hospitals in 1989-90. By the end of 1991, the opposite was true. Biopian, which had pioneered partnerships between the NHS and private hospitals on NHS site:, had financial difficulties and was bought out. Questions were also raised about the financial performance of NHS pay beds, and the justification for health authority investment in them remains politically sensitive.

market for the private sector in the new NHS has been a chimera. Most health authorities have not considered contracting with private hospitals for mainstream services and will not do so until the new

arrangements have bedded down. Authorities that have made contracts have found the costs double those of the NHS. This, however, is because the NHS costs are marginal ones, omitting overheads and capital charges. The NHS market for private hospitals is unlikely to take off unless health authorities

take out block con-

tracts on realistic terms. Fund-hold-Growth in ing family doctors private are the most unpredictable element. medicine could Initially, they were more prepared than be the result of consider radically NHS rationing new options for supply. If they are prevented from secur-

ing fast-track treatment for their patients at NHS hospitals, in order not to disadvantage other patients, as health department guidelines recommend, they could turn to the private sector.

Their budgets, however, are small compared with health authorities, and the high surgeons' fees are likely to deter them. Growth in this area, therefore, is likely to be slow.

The greatest potential for private sector growth could come in response to the growing pressure for more rationing in the NHS. Health authorities are reluctant to take on new areas of work and are increasingly willing to shift responsibility on to other supply sources where they exist.

For example, as private care for the elderly has grown, NHS institutional care has become more restricted. Alternative medicine, for which demand is booming, is almost entirely private.

Even in mainstream care, the NHS has been reluctant in some areas to provide a comprehensive service. For example, North East



Operating costs: economic factors will decide whether the private sector can prosper in the 1990s

Thames regional health authority decided last year to restrict provision of NHS treatment for varicose veins and similar conditions to free resources for more pressing needs.

The private sector has flourished. as William Laing observes in his 1992 Review of Private Health Care, in those areas where its marginal cost over public treatment is low and where there is a significant constraint on public supply.

Growth will depend on the state

of the economy as much as on the state of the NHS. Although private health care has been one of the most recession-proof industries in the early 1990s, the growth in subscribers to private medical insurance schemes faltered in 1991.

Sharply increased claim rates have forced up premiums and turned away some clients. Private insurers are now experimenting with a range of policies providing. in most cases, more limited cover. It is economic factors, however, that will determine whether the private sector can grasp the opportunities of the 1990s.

ABC of price variations

Rising costs have prompted the

marketing experts to rethink schemes

It is the

in-patient

stay that

shoots costs

skywards

nsurance companies working to curb the spiralling costs of I private health care are ap-proaching the problem in a number of ways. It is not hard to see why. In the past year alone, premiums have risen by 30 per cent, says Bob Bycroft, managing director of Medical Insurance Agency, an insurance provider. The market place is underpriced.

marketeers to sharpen their pencils and come out with pretty sophisticated plans, to attract additional Hospitals have al-

When you get that, you force the

ways been classified their charges and insurance poli-cies reflect this. Topof-the-range policies cover A. B and C classifica-tions, but less comprehensive policies may only entitle the holder to admission

to B or C-class hospitals. Classifications reflect not the standard of medical cure but the price of hospitals' non-medical provision — the hotel charges.

Then there is the concept known as "preferred providers", under which the insurers supply a list of the hospitals from which policyholders may choose. Lists are usually quite comprehensive, and the ABC classifications are still used. There are lower-premium plans - budget and waiting plans - and those that carry restrictions. perhaps on out-patient attendance. An approach fairly new in Britain is managed care: worldwide, it is already established and in the United States, according to Malcolm Wright. Norwich Union's business manager, 65 per cent of health care is provided through managed care.

Broadly, it brings together the four elements involved in hospitalisation - patient, doctor. hospital and insurer -- to reduce unnecessary costs without compromising quality of cure.

Within the system, patients can contact the insurer from the outset to check whether they are covered for a proposed treatment (non-

managed-care schemes also advise patients to do this).

The insurer will have selected a network of preferred-provider haspitals, and have agreed protocols with the doctors who use them. These protocols aim, for example, to encourage doctors, where possible, to have diagnostic tests done before the patient is admitted, as it is the in-patient stay - the hand charges - that generally shows costs skywards.

Mr Wright says: "We are not taking away their right to decide how procedures should be per-

formed or in any way taking away their clinical responsibility," says, "We are, if you like, acting as a conscience, and to ensure that the preoperative arrangements, such as Xrays and pathology tests, are carried out, if it's possible,

before going into hospital, because it's the hospital costs that start to esculate when you have overnight

stays.
"The partnership is crucial because we do want to involve the hospital and the ductors in the whole process and let them have a

Norwich is still negotiating what is thought to be the first commercial such scheme in this country although Private Patients Plan pointed the way last December when it announced its Psychiatric Benefit Protection Programme to bring managed cure into the treatment of mental illnesses.

Mr Wright says: "All the major insurers are looking to see whether this is the direction in which they want to move."

Laing and Buisson, the market analysts, suggest that appressive action in managed care - such as pre-admission authorisation from insurers, direction to particular suppliers and non-reimbursement if clinical protocols are not followed is unlikely to be readily supported by customers.

PAT BLAIR

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Indeed, some remove the need for an overnight stay altogether.

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Day surgery: pleasing patients, saving money.

MANY PATIENTS evidently being admitted to hospital as treatment has caught on. in-patients. BUPA has been College of Surgeons (RCS) comfort and convenience, less

In a recent Audit Commission time. survey of over 700 patients. eight out of 10 people who had experienced day-case surgery said they liked the idea and would recommend

It is not surprising that which can be dealt with on a

The advantages include

But perhaps most important of all to the patient is the psychological benefit of avoiding an overnight stay.

prefer day-case surgery to this relatively new type of day-case basis, and the list is

At present, some 22 per working closely with the Royal lower overall cost, increased cent of operations performed in the UK are carried out to develop the practice in stress for patients and their in this way. In the USA, the families, and less lost work figure is over 50 per cent, so there is huge scope for

With the backing of BUPA and the RCS, day-case surgery looks set to become even more Already there is a core list of popular with patients up and 25 operations and procedures down the country.

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creasing number of doctors like it, it reduces the cost of medical care and can save health insurance companies thousands of pounds, holding down premiums. Advances in medical techniques have made day-case surgery - where patients enter hospital in the morning, have their operation and leave in the evening - a real option for a growing number of surgical proce-dures. Yet still day-case treatment occupies a comparatively small part of the health care

scene in Britain. The reasons are two-fold: some patients, wrongly, see day surgery as a second-best no-frills option; second, a lack of facilities is seen by medical consultants as a major inhibi-tor. However, spiralling costs are forcing more hospitals, public and private, to look towards day-case surgery as a way of saving money without sacrificing quality of

In 1986 day surgery accounted for only 20 per cent of elective (non-urgent) surgery in the private sector, according to the independent publication Laing's Review of Private Healthcare. It foresaw then "substantial scope for development of private day surgery services which could have maior implications for private nospital investment".

In the past two years, says Mike Hall, regional manager of Bupa hospitals, day surgery has leapt to 35 per cent of acute services in its hospitals, up 20 per cent. In February, Bupa launched two projects to ote it. Of its 30 hospitals, the 23 that already did a significant volume of day surgery are now acting as demonstration hospitals. It also has pilot schemes in five hospitals highlighting three specific procedures — wisdom teeth extraction, removing cataracts and hand surgery.

William Laing, a director of the healthcare analysts Laing and Buisson, says: "In Bupa's

makes: Pat Blair discovers it is far from a second-best option any patients schedule of fees, published in January, there was no increase in consultants' fees, except for a 10 per cent supplement for those who did cases on a day surgery basis. There is certain-

ly scope for it and I can envisage a time when much more is done in the private sector. Who will take that, we don't know. It may be the existing private hospitals; it be new day-surgery As yet, there are few health care companies whose special-

ise in day surgery, either in hospital or, such as Humana's Wellington Day Surgery Centre in London's Harley Street, in separate units. Clinics perform operations such as vasectomy and cosmetic surgery on a day basis. However one company sees

day treatment as the way of the future. The Grosvenor Clinic opened in Hendon, north-west London, early last year with one operating theatre suite, capable of treating up to six patients a day. "It's intended to be one of the first of a number of facilities we are specifically aiming at day-case surgery." says Dudley Rogg, its director. its director.

"The number of procedures suited to day surgery is large and growing. We can deal with more both in number and in complexity. It is also less expensive, and infinitely more preferable to go home to your own family, environment and bed. Recovery times also seem to be less," he says.

The clinic receives referrals from doctors and advertises directly to the public. At current rates, the fixed daysurgery cost for a simple hernia operation - examination, consultation, operation and follow-up - would be £695, compared to about £2,500 for an in-patient staying three days. Cosmetic sur-gery excluded, the most expensive operation, at £950, is major surgery for varicose veins, a price within reach of those without insurance but prepared to pay for treatment.

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All in a day's work for surgeons

medical care that

survey carried out last year by Taylor Nelson for Bupa found that of 633 members who had day surgery, 79 per cent were very satisfied and 18 per cent fairly satisfied overall. Only 3 per cent were dissatisfied. More than two thirds could

not cite any disadvantages. Medical advances are helping day surgery's cause. Kenneth Waters, senior surgeon at the Grosvenor Clinic, has adopted an operation used in the US for 10 years or more to repair hernias. Using a polypropylene mesh instead of internal stitches, Mr Waters says, eliminates most of the pain after the operation and gentle jogging a day later "is

more than possible".

He says: "I have been amazed, having done the traditional method for nearly 20 years — something like 1,000 hernias - and seen patients a week later bent L-shaped walking into the consulting room. Now I see patients trotting up stairs. One of our first people said he was back cycling after three days."

Not every patient is suitable for day surgery and the deci-sion is made by the doctor on medical and social grounds. People living alone may be refused, unless they have a friend to stay at home: likewise, patients who are unlikely to be able to rest when they return home. Surface operations ("lumps and bumps", according to Mr Waters) and sub-surface - hernias and varicose veins - are among those currently available.

Should a patient subse quently require for medical reasons to stay in overnight, the extra cost is absorbed by the clinic. "I prefer people to stay overnight at an hotel if they live more than 50 miles away," Mr Water says. "If there were problems, I would get to them. They have my card and can ring me 24

the industry. In terms of

revenue, - although we don't

probably increased by 15 per cent. As we come out of

recession - and provided the

NHS does not get its act together and totally under-

mine the private sector — then

I expect it to continue to

exclude in-patient care and/or place restrictions on the level of earment. Pat Blair writes. When it comes to alcohol or drug dependence, there is often no cover for treatment. either for the dependency or for medical or psychiatric conditions arising from or associated with it. Indeed it is easier to pick out the policies that do offer cover, even if they limit it. They include: Allied Medical have the figures yet — in that recession year, 1990/91, it Assurance plans, Bupa Care and Bupa Company Care, Cigna Healthcare. Lloyds Holdcare. PPP Corporate Health Plan and the Civil

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Companies see mental illnesses as long-term ailments, needing long-term treatment and thus high payouts

pany screening programmes that include stress checks. If seems to be getting a raw deal is psychiatric treat-ment, indeed, the Indepenthe screening detects a stress-related problem and psychiatdent Healthcare Association has become concerned ric treatment is suggested, and their employer's insurance enough about insurers' lack of provision to set up a working cover does not include that hat next? Some policies — such as Lloyds/Abbey Life Budget Health Care and Over 60s

While recognising that employers may arrange screening through companies other than

Getting a raw deal?

poses dilemmas for patients,

especially those offered com-

When it comes to alcohol or drug dependence, there is often no cover for treatment

insured, Kathy Johnson, provider liaison manager with Bupa, says: "Perhaps there is a dilemma there — detecting stress and then not offering any cover for the treatment of the condition."

The difficulty for insurance companies is that many mental illnesses are seen as chronic (long-term) ailments, requiring long-term treatment and thus high payouts on claims. As a result, many insurers prefer to exclude such treatment, as they might for long term physical conditions.

Private Patients Plan, how ever, has addressed the problem face on, with the introduction last December of its Psychiatric Benefits Protection Programme. Under that, the insurer, consultant and hospital will agree beforehand a suitable plan of treatment and its cost, based on the number of days and the type of treatment required. The policy will cover up to 180 in-patient

days a year.

Most of Bupa's schemes will encompass psychiatric care, but as Mrs Johnson says: "A problem such as alcoholism rom our point of view could be a long-term condition. By the time somebody comes to the point they feel they really have to seek help, they have probably had it for quite a long

Bupa doesn't actually treat it as a chronic condition under our rules — otherwise we would effectively be saying we don't cover it at all - so we will cover it initially, but not in the longer term."

Overall, when it comes to

mental illness and psychiatric care, one is left wondering: are private health providers and insurers between them detecting conditions and raising hopes of treatment only to

Option for change

Alternative medicine is

offered, but at a heavy cost

Itemative medicine including osteopathy. chiropractic and hoincreasingly being covered by health insurers who recognise that a sizeable proportion of the public wants to be able to use practitioners in those fields. Most include alterna-tive, or complementary, medicine only in the more comprehensive, and thus more expensive, insurance

Orion Healthcare, for example, under its company-paid schemes, Classic and Classic Value, provides benefit of up to £500 a year for each insured person referred by their GP to such a specialist, Pat Blair writes. Similarly, benefits for individual subscribers to its Elite scheme amount to a maximum of E1,000 a year.

In March, Norwich Union launched its top-of-the-range Premier Care plan, which includes full refunds on osteopathy and chiropractic treat-ment resulting from a GP

International Private Healthcare, underwritten by a subsidiary of the Swiss-based Winterthur Insurance Group. offers under its Premier Gold plan - but not under Premier or Premier Plus - benefits up to £6.500, the total amount available in any one year for out-patient services, which in theory could all be used for the acupuncture and specialist

herbal treatment it covers.

Possibly the most wideranging in its approach to complementary medicine, however, is the French-based company Strasbourgeoise, which opened up in Britain

The company's Free-choice plans cover any alternative medicine reflexology, iridology, aromatherapy, as well as more mainstream therapies - by any practitioner or therapist as long as it is for treatment as defined in the company's rules and the therapist belongs to a registration body to which the

The Freechoice Standard plan will cover 50 per cent of expenses up to £500 annually; Super, 75 per cent up to £750; and Super Plus, a full refund up to £1,000. Following the French system, unusual in Britain, patients do not have to be referred through a family doctor but can approach the therapist direct. Wiser patients will check with the company which registration bodies are approved, before they opt for

Guidance through the maze

After a traumatic two years, complacency has given way to complexity as policies proliferate and the public becomes more sophisticated

A lmost 12 per cent of the British population — about 6.6 million people - are covered by some sort of private medical Insurance in a business now worth £1.3 billion annually. The figures have risen steadily: 20 years ago only 4 per cent of the population held medical insurance. But the past two years have been difficult. The market was shaken, for

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instance, when one of the largest providers, Bupa, announced an insurance loss in 1990 of 661 million, Pat Blair writes. A management shake-up followed. Peter Jacobs, who took over as chief executive of Bupa in May last year, said in January: The health care insurance industry has had a long period of satisfactory growth and a small number of players — and frankly I think it got rather complacent. It was not particularly well managed and the larger commercial insurers saw an opportunity to come into a pretty sleepy market... It means that Bupa has gone from relatively easy market conditions to a much more competitive situation. That has required a change in tulture and attitudes which have to compete not just in terms of price but also in customer service.

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loss. David Bryant, of Bupa, says: "We have seen what we regard to be a dramatic improvement in our fortunes in 1991 when, if anything, the recession had got harder than in 1990".

But Bupa is not the only one to feel the effects of recession. keener competition, a higher number of claims and a squeeze as people lost insurance cover along with their

Although there is no hard data to support the assertion. many in the industry believe that claims shot up because people decided not to defer operations in case they become unemployed. Others believe that the public has become more sophisticated and looks Bupa has halved its insurance on insurance more as a main-

tenance contract than a safety net. The market analysis Laing and Buisson note in their publication Laing's Review of Private Healthcare 1992, that benefits as a percentage of subscriptions rose to 90 per cent in 1990, and the remaining 10 per cent was insufficient to meet administration overheads. As a result, they say, "it can be said with confidence that UK private medical insurance as a whole made an underwriting loss in Premiums rose sharply and

insurers themselves pointed to a real risk that the cost of private medicine was getting out of control. Western Provident Association drew the picture: "In 1981, a family man of average earnings had to work 113 hours to pay his health insurance premium of £270. In 1991, he worked 231 hours to pay a premium of £1,288." Its answer is to introduce a new policy. Elect, that covers the 17 non-emergency conditions for which NHS waiting lists are longest and which "most improve people's quality of life, ranging from cataracts to hip and knee replacements".

Other insurance companies have similarly responded by designing a plethora of schemes to suit different purses, and offering options such as "excess" agreements, reduced out-patient cover, upper limits to payments, noclaims discounts, exclusion clauses, optional extras.

The variety is such that selecting a policy, company or personal, is now much more complex. One can no longer make easy comparisons. The Private Health Partnership, an independent advisory service which operates an insurance helpline (0532 788855). says it has seen an increase in people seeking guidance through the maze. It suggests that would-be subscribers should decide first on what they want covered and then find a policy to match.

The outlook for the industry, despite the traumas of the past two years, is bright. William Laing, a director of Laing and Buisson, sees the trend in medical insurance continuing upwards, with business coming both from companies and individuals. "On preliminary figures, in a recession year when prices were going up rapidly, the number of subscribers remained static. That was actually a good result for

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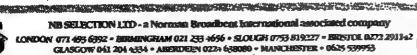
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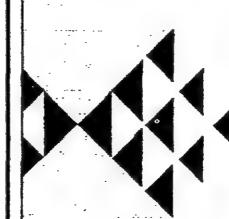
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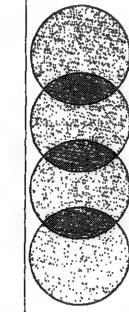
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emporary workers make up 6 per cent of the UK workforce, according to the Department of Employment's latest Labour Force Survey. Up to now they have been concentrated well below management level, but that is changing.
The Association of Temporary

and Interim Executive Services (ATIES), a trade body representing interim management firms, reports "a noticeable increase" in corporate enquiries to its members.

Interim management, or executive leasing as it is also known, is an amalgam of trouble-shooting, company doctoring, consultancy and straightforward temporary work. It operates on similar lines to office temping, its distant cousin.
The Executive Grapevine's Di-

rectory Of Interim Management (price, £18: details, 081-318 4462). lists 70 interim management firms. These firms maintain a register of executives, from which they supply an individual or a shortlist to clients at short notice for assignments. These may be full-time or part-time, lasting from a few weeks to several months. As well as being quickly accessed, the employment of interim managers can be terminated quickly and without

A typical use of interim management is when someone leaves unexpectedly and in circumstances where there is no time for the lengthy process of finding a permanent replacement. When the transport division of The Crown Suppliers lost its finance director while in the throes of negotiating privatisation, someone was needed who could take over the job for several months, and who could combine financial expertise with relevant sector knowledge. A tall order, but GMS Consultancy, an interim management firm, came up with Keith Archbold, a chartered accountant with 20 years of board-level experience in a major vehicle business.

Other firms say that crisis management is an area in which interim management can provide



the ideal solution. Carl Hague of Praxis, a Birmingham-based interim management firm, says it is like fire-fighting, calling for fast action

by experienced operators. When an electronics multi-national recently found heavy losses mounting in its French subsidiary. it turned to a British interim management provider, Robert Walters Associates, which put in Peter Hawkins, a French-speaking 45-year-old with a relevant background in electronics. Some months into his new assignment. Mr Hawkins has stopped the rot and thinks the French company will be in profit next year, at which point he will hand over to a permanent successor.

Mr Hawkins admits that one of the secrets of being a good crisis manager is a willingness to shed blood. "I never take on a job unless I am named acting managing director, with full responsibility to hire and fire," he says. "Unless you get the right people in place, you cannot get anything done."

Once the dead wood has been cleared, the next stage is to build on what is left. Mr Hawkins argues that for this, an interim manager needs to have industry and product

'You're generally brought in because of a financial problem. but that's only the symptom. The underlying problems of this particular company were bound up with its product range and its marketing, which is where my experience of the electronics business came in,"

n advantage that interim managers have over management consultancies is their range and experience. Martin Wood, the head of PA Consulting Group's executive leasing division, explains: "Management consultants are primarily concerned with analysing situations and recommending courses of action. When the job calls for implementation over a limited time span, it's a task for an interim

From the corporate point of view, the rigorous pre-selection proce-dures used by interim management firms provide a measure of quality assurance. For the indi-vidual, the advantages are in the marketing of one's services and in the operational back-up available. "When you're on an assignment

it's very difficult to make time to look for the next job," explains Alan Gorringe, an accountant currently working through Albemarie interim Management Services on the development of budgetary systems for one of the civil service bodies being turned into entrepreneurially orientated executive agencies.

Some interim managers do. however criticise the quality of marketing carried out by intermediaries. That is why a venture recently started by Bill Penney, a pioneer of interim management, may fill a need. Questor Management Resources aims to provide clients with a nationwide database of information "of those pursuing portfolio careers of short-term temporary or long-term part-time as-signments". With many highquality managers on the market, and companies still uncertain about their future, his timing looks

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LIFE AFTER REDUNDANCY

Lost leaders need fresh directions

'When the job

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an executive's

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identity'

t may be lonely at the top, but it's even lonelier when you're no longer there. David Shaw recalls the feeling of isolation when his job as managing director of a large manufacturing unit of a leading international company became "superfluous" due to head office restructuring. "There was no one to compare notes with, or confide in," he says. "I felt a failure, and completely alone because of my

Peter Morgan, director general of the Institute of Directors. claims that "the recession has created an urgent need to extend practical help to directors experiencing job losses". The IoD has set up a scheme which claims to be the first outplacement counselling available for individuals rather than com-

panies. Company directors are offered a series of programmes that include jobsearch facilities. one-to-one counselling, advice on nersonal development and assistance in progressing their career,

even counselling during the crueial first three months of a new post. The cost ranges from £1,500 to £6,000.

Many larger companies offer generous redundancy packages to their directors, but when a business goes bankrupt, the senior executives, along with their employees, can be in severe financial straits.

Veronica Lane, senior psychologist at Pauline Hyde and Associates, describes outplacement services as a "major investment in working towards getting a new job".

But does a director with considerable business experience need expensive advice? The fact that a person has been successful and reached a senior post in a company means that he or she can be particularly vulnerable when redundancy hits. "Often the managing director

and main board are removed when a company collapses or is taken over." Ms Lane says. "and this brings a great sense of

failure. A high-flying executive often ties in his or her own selfimage with the status of the job, and when that goes, so does a sense of identity

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David Shaw was stunned when he became redundant "One day I was in charge, the next day I was nobody," he says.
"I felt bitter towards the organisation for repaying hard work and loyalty with what I saw as

betrayal."
Ms Lane confirms that anger is a natural part of the emotional pattern after redundancy. Many directors, when they are first made redundant, believe that as soon as it becomes known they are available the job offers will come rolling in - or that they will be offered the first job for which they apply. Depression

often follows disillusion. Yet every executive. Veronica Lane says, has a unique selling point, "Faced with a row of financial directors," she ex-plains, "you would find that each has very dif-

ferent talents, One may be analytical and a brilliant 'number cruncher' while another is a strategic thinker, and a third would make a good planner or general manager because he or she is more interested in the whole business

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David Shaw, who was recently appointed managing director of an engineering company, son lost his sense of isolation. "When I went for outplacement counselling," he says, "it helped restore my confidence to find that a lot of talented people who had been running companies were in the same situation.

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Before the Lord President (Lord Hope: Lord Cowie and Lord

[Judgment April 23]

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The First Division of the Court reclaiming motion by William Lauriston West against ar: interlocutor of the Lord Ordinar; dismissing as incompetent a petition for judicial review brought by him against the Secretary of State for Scotland seeking review of a refusal by the Scottish Prison Service to reimburse him for the expenses of moving house when in was transferred from one prison to

Rule of Court 260B of the Act of Sederunt (Rules of Court. consolidation and amendment) 1905 provides: "(1) An application to the supervisory jurisdiction of the court which immediately before the coming into the operation of this rule would have been made by way of summons or petition. shall be made by way of an application for judicial review in accordance with the provisions of

Mr Neil Mackinnon for the petitioner and reclaimer. Mr Mathew Clarke, QC and Mr Robert Reed for the respondent.

THE LORD PRESIDENT said that it was now necessary for guidance to be given as the scope of the procedure under Rule of Court 260B for invoking the court's supervisory jurisdiction, which had been introduced in 1985, and governed all applica-tions for judicial review.

The pentioner held his appointment at the pleasure of the Crown. He had no formal contract of employment, but his conditions of service gave rise to rights and duties of a contractual nature which might be enforceable.

The decision which was challenged had been taken under paragraph 80 of his conditions of service: "Not all types of transfer qualify for reimbursement of home removal expenses and it is a matter for personnel services division's discretion in all cases whether ... payment [is justified]".

Notwithstanding the reference to the division, it had been for the Prison Service, and not some third

West v Secretary of State for party to whose jurisdiction the matter had been committed, to decide whether he was to be reimbursed. The issue was of the nature of a private dispute between him and the Prison Service, indistinguishable from any other employee-employer dispute.

Mr Mackinnon had invited their Lordships to consider the early nistory of the Court of Session from its institution in 1532, and he drew attention to the significance for its development of the abolition of the Privy Council in 1708. That act of the new Parliament at Westminster had left a significant gap in the administration of justice

Prior to the Union, the Privy Council had exercised a wide equitable jurisdiction of a kind which had not then been enjoyed by the Court of Session (Sheriff McNeill The Passing of the Scot-tish Privy Council (1965 J R 263); Council (vol 1 (Introduction)).

However, no enactment had been passed in 1708 to distribute the jurisdiction of the Privy Council, so it had been left to the Court of Session itself to develop its own jurisdiction in order to provide an extraordinary equitable remedy where none was available within the strict limits of the law (Kames Principles of Equity (3rd edition, 1776): Kames Historical Law Tracts (4th edition, 1778): Erskine 1.3.231.

In Countess of Loudon v Trust-ees on the High Roads in Ayrshire (1793 M 7398) it had been held that "the judgments of the quarter sessions were not liable to review on ... points ... which were discretionary in their nature, and in the exercise of the powers exclusively committed to the trustees. But . . . a right to review, in the case of the smallest excess of power, was essential, and was not excluded by the words of the act. It could not be supposed ... that the he themselves the sole and each. sive judges of the extent of their

In Mags of Perth v Trustees on the Road from Queensferry to Penth ((1756) Kilkerran's Notes, Brown's Supplement vol 5, 318) Lord Kilkerran had observed a dear distinction between review on the merits and control of the process of decision making. One could see there, even at the earliest stage of its development, the emergence of a clearly defined principle that, where an excess or abuse of power or jurisdiction conferred on a decision alleged, the Court of Session had the power to correct it (see Heritors of Corstorphine v Ramsay (March 10, 1812, FC 544); Ross v

rie v Millar ((1827) 5 S 711).

Campbell v Brown ((1829) 3 W & S 441) had affirmed the principle which defined the limits of the supervisory jurisdiction of the court. On the one hand there was no jurisdiction to review the judgment of the inferior tribunal on the merits. On the other hand the court had authority to see that the decision-taking body kept within the limits of their duty and did not exceed the authority which had been given to them (see Darling Jurisdiction of the Court of Session

(1833, p15). While the extent of the supervisory jurisdiction was capable of a relatively precise definition, the bstantive grounds on which that jurisdiction might be exercised would, of course, vary from case to case, and might be adapted to conform to the standards of decision-taking as they were evolved

13 R 465, 467-9) Lord President Inglis had said about the jurisdiction of the Court of Sess pel an arbiter to proceed: "The position of an arbiter is very much like that of a judge in many respects, and there is no doubt natever that whenever an inferior judge ... fails to perform his duty

there was a remedy in this court. The same rule applies to a variety of other public officers ... who are under an obligation to exercise their functions for the benefit of the parties for whose benefit these functions are entrusted to them . . . It appears to me that the parallel between the position of an arbiter and the position of inferior judges ... is complete, and that the two are quite undistinguishable in this question of jurisdiction".

That showed that the principle upon which the supervisory juris-diction was exercised was not affected by distinctions which might exist for other purposes between public bodies and those who exercised a jurisdiction under a private contract. Nor was it necessary to enquire whether the decision of the inferior body was administrative in character.

The essential point was that a decision-making function had been entrusted to that body or tribunal which it could be compelled by the court to perform. In all those cases the essential feature was the conferring, whether by statute or private contract, of a decision-making power or duty on a third party to whom the taking of the decision was entrusted but whose manner of decision-making might be controlled by the court.

That approach had been maintained throughout this century prior to the introduction of RC 260B: for example McDonald v Burns (1940 SC 376); Moss Em-

pires v Assessor for Glascow, (1917) SC (HL) 1). The unimportance for that purpose of the distinction between public and private law could be seen from McDonald. which had concerned proceedings in the Catholic Church, and also from St Johnstone Football Club Ltd v Scottish Football Association Ltd (1965 S L T 171).

The consistent approach for more than two centuries prior to 1983 had been both simple and understandable, untroubled by disputes about the scope of remedies or distinctions between public and private law which in England had given rise to much

Moreover, the development of the law of Scotland in that field had not been on a case-by-case basis but on the basis of principle. The only point of criticism had

been that to which Lord Fraser had drawn attention in Brown v Hamilton District Council 11983 SC (HL) 1), that the procedure for obtaining judicial review from the Court of Session was too slow and combersome. When he came to make his recommendation for reform, however, Lord Fraser had used expressions which had been relied upon in later cases as suggesting the limits for judicial review under the new rule

In Brown he had said (at p49): "It is for consideration whether developing special procedure in Scotland for dealing with ques-tions in the public law area, comparable to the English prerogative orders." It was clear that it had not been Lord Fraser's intention in that passage to define the extent of the supervisory

The context had been the entirely different one of concern about the time taken in the cases which were before him. It would be a mistake to assume that he had intended to narrow the supervisor previously been to a jurisdiction which was to be available only for exercise in the field which recognised in England as being

As a result, in 1983 a working party had been set up under the chairmanship of Lord Dunpark whose terms of reference and report had indicated a concern only for decisions taken in that particular field of administrative law. The working party had proposed as the first of the new rules a provision whose effect would have been to have limited the exercise of the supervisory jurisdiction to "acts or decisions of inferior courts, bodies or officers acting in a public

It was of particular interest. therefore, that when the new rule 260B was made in due course (\$1 1985 No 500 no limit whatever had been imposed as to the bodies. officers or eithers to whose acts of decisions it was to apply. Since RC 260B had been introduced by Act of Sederant without any further enabling power having been conferred on the court by general legislation, it was a procedural amendment only which could not

alter the substanting law. Neither the nature or scope of the supervisory junstiction were affected by the new rule

Furthermore, the rule required that all applications to the supervisory jurisdiction had to be made only by means of the new proces dure To treat the precedure as available only in some cases appropriate for the supervisory jurisd iton and not others would risk having these other cases without a

There was no difference between the law of Scotland and England as to the substantive grounds on which a decision might be challenged as ultra vires in such proceedings (Brown: Wordie Propeny Co Lid's Secretary of State for Scotland (1984 SLT 345)). The problem which had arisen in following the itemduction of RC English law on decisions about the competency of the procedure.

In Connor v Strathchyde Real Council (1986 SLT 530) the Lord Ordinary had said that the Court of Session had no power in the exercise of the supervisory jurisdiction to inservene "in a of public law arising which is sufficient to attract public law

But to describe the supervisory jurisdiction as a public law remedy, and then to look for an element of public law as the test of whether it was available, was to introduce concepts which had had no part in the development of that risdiction over the last two centuries.

There were indications in that case of confusion between the relevance of English law 10 the its irrelevance to questions of competency:

The most important of the cases since 1985, however, was Tehrani v Argyll and Clyde Health Board (No 2) [1990 SLT 118] which had concerned a surgeon employed by the National Health Service It had been submitted for the board in the Outer House that the dispute was essentially a matter of private law, being concerned with a breach of contract, and that it

The Lord Ordinary had ob-served that Forbes had concerned a matter which was purely one of private law and that that had not

prevented the court from exercisme its supervisory jurisdiction: "In my view [Forbes] is authority for proposition that where quasiinducial machinery is stimulated in a private contract.. the court may its supervisory jurisdiction "

However, that expression had carried with the risk of a misunderstanding, because the quasi-judicial machinery which the Lord tily had been that of the board itself as the petitioner's employer. He had rejected as illogical the board's argument that, while the committee which had conducted the enquiry was open to judicial review, the board itself was not.

However, there was a distinction which could logically be made The committee was a body which had been set up by the board to committed. In its case the tripartite relationship between an inferior tribunal, the appointing body and the petitioner had been

But the board itself had not been in that position. As the petitioner's employer it owed him the duty to act fairly. But the performance of that duty had been a matter to be regulated under the ordinary jurisdiction of the court according to the contract between employer and employee and was not amenable to indicial review.

In Sutcliffe v Thackrah ([1974] AC 727, 737) Lord Reid had described the argument that as all persons currying out judicial func-tions must act fairly, therefore all persons who must act fairly are carrying out judicial functions, as completely illogical. Yet that same fallary was, with respect, apparent in the Lord Ordinary's reasoning in Tehrani in reaching the cond sion that the functions of the board were quasi-judicial and thus subject to the requirements of natural justice and thus amenable to judicial review. The fact was. wever, that the board had not been performing any function independent of its position as the employer, and for that reason its duty to act fairly had not been open

If, as the rubric of the report of the Inner House decision in Tehrani stated, the ratio of the decision had been that the test of the competency of a petition for judicial review was whether it raised a question of public law, then Tehrani would have introduced a novel and uncertain test which even in England had given rise to substantial difficulty.

As Lord Wilberforce had pointed out in Davy v Spelthorne Borough Council [[1984] AC 262): "The expressions 'private law' and 'public law have recently been imown, have separate systems law. No doubt they are convenient empessions for descriptive purposes. In this country they must be used with caution, for, typically English law fastens, not unon principles but upon remedies."

However, on a proper analysis of the opinions in the Inner House. that part of the rubric was inaccurate. Tehrani was not authority for a public law test of competency. Arry acceptance by the court of that terminology had to be regarded as strictly obiter because of the context of the arguments that had been submitted to the court Lord Wylie had said that the Lord Ordinary had been wrong to decline to follow English authority. and he had added that there was no good reason for differences between the two jurisdictions to

In their Lordships' upinion, however, the origin and development of judicial review in the ferent. The English approach appeared to be to fasten upon remedies, whereas the Scottish approach was based essentially upon principle. Moreoever, the choice of remedy had not in itself caused any difficulty in Scotland. The ordinary remedies of reduction, declarator and interdict were all available

develop in that field.

There were obvious dis-advantages in attempting to follow English authority upon the distinction between public and private law as it developed case by case, not the least of which was the uncertainty which that would create: see R v Panel on Take-overs and Mergers, ex parte Datafin ple [1987] QB 815).

Mr Mackinnon had argued that wherever a discretion was to be exercised the court might interfere to control the manner of its exercise. However, that propo-sition was too broadly stated to be acceptable. The principles by reference to which the competency of applications under RC 260B were

and entit he defined those

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The word "jurisdiction" hea described the nature of the power. duty or authority committed to the person or hody which was ametion of the court and was used here as meaning simply "power to decide". It could be applied to the acts or decisions of any admin istrative hodies and persons with similar functions, as well as a those of inferior urbunals.

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In the present case, there was no suggestion that the petitioner concern was with the exercise of a urisdiction, power or authority iferred on some third party who could be separately identified from his employer. There was no feature to place his case into any category other than that of an employee employer dispute.

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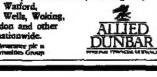
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9.40 Porridge: Happy Release. The best sitcom on television, even if it is 16 years old. This is a famous episode in which Ronnie Barker's Fletcher breaks his leg and finds himself in the prison hospital next to Blanco (David Jason). To put one over a fellow prisoner they cook up a scheme involving buried loot (r). (Ceefax) (475121)



The Labour case: leadership contender John Smith (10,10pm)

10.10 Question Time chaired by Peter Sissons in Derby. The panel is lan Hay Davison and MPs Edwina Currie, John Smith and Paddy Ashdown (754633). Northern Ireland: Spotlight 10.40 Question

11.10 Paradise. Wastern drama series (937324). Northern Ireland 11.40-12.25am Paradise (446782) 12.00 Weather (5160164)

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6.45 Open University: Man-Made Macromolecules (9319169). Ends at

8.00 BBC Breakfast News (1345614) 8.15 Westminster. A round-up of business from both Houses (6830850) 9.00 Reviving Antiques. John FitzMaurice Mills with advice on cleaning and repairing antique toys (r). (Ceefax) (1750898)
9.05 Daytime on 2. Educational programmes
2.00 News and weather (28033986) followed by You and Me (r) (67458578) 2.15 Travel Show Traveller. John Thinvell samples

Portugal's Oporto and Douro Valley (r) (10378797) 2.20 ht's Eileen A profile of Eileen Allen who locks after six relatives, including he

difficult mother-in-law, all aged over 30 (*) (6928695)

3.00 News and weather (9178614) followed by Westminster Live, introduced by Vivian White (5766275) 3.50 News, regional news and weather (4924527)

4.00 Tennis. Live coverage of the Stella Artois championships, continued from BBC1 (975091)

6.30 Beating Retreat. Eric Robson is the commentator as the Massed Bands of the Royal Air Force celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the RAF Regiment on Horse Guards Parade (38140) 7.30 Business Matters: The Miracle Workers.

 CHOICE: Singapore is the size of the Isle of Wight and Hong Kong half as big as Surrey and neither has any natural resources. Yet these two former British colonies can boast an economic performance which puts that of the mother country to shame. A backwater when the British left in 1959 Singapore has no unemployment and the highest Asian standard of living outside Japan. Hong Kong is a booming temple to capitalism in which self-made millionaires make their piles and then buy otadels of British commerce such as Harves Nichols. David Lomax's report finds a common desire to work han

Nichols. David Lomax's report times a common desire to work hard and seize opportunities but is mainly concerned to point the contrast between interventionist Singapore, where society is regulated at every level, and free market Hong Kong. (Ceefaxi (966) 8.00 On the Line. Investigative sports series presented by John Fashanu. This week's edition looks at pigeon racing, under threat from predatory peregrine falcons who kill the birds in flight, and examines violence on the sports field — are thugs being allowed to cost away with too grace? (770): get away with too much? (7701)
8.30 Wildlife On Two: Night Life. David Attenborough looks at nocturnal creatures (r). (Ceefax) (3508)

9.00 Rab C Nesbitt. The near incomprehensible Gorbals guru with more worldly observations. Thank Heavens for the Ceefax subtitling. Starring Gregor Fisher (3332)



Rational man? Working for the Soviet dream (9.30pm)

9.30 Pandora's Box: The Engineers' Plot.

 CHOICE: A Pandora's box, according to Brewer's excellent dictionary, is a present which seems valuable but is really a curse. In this new series the term is applied to 20th-century science, with reference tonight to the Soviet Union. In 1917 science was seen as a great liberating force, creating a brave new world in which everyone would be equal and free. The Soviet dream was to use science and technology to construct a new kind of rational human being, part of a social machine which the state could control, it soon ended in tears, destroyed by bureaucracy, power politics and the reluctance of Soviet citizens to act rationally. The programme points up some the wilder absurdities, such as setting production targets for such items as toothbrushes, tights and even coffins which would be met whatever the actual demand. (Ceefax) (96237)

10.30 Newsnight with Francine Stock and Peter Snow (403782) 11.15 The Late Show. The guests include the feminist-baiting American critic Carnille Paglia (s) (113817)

11.55 Weather (292633)

12.00 Weekend Outlook. A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes (5191034) 12.05am Open University: Evaluating Outcomes (3239928). Ends at

3.00 RCN Nursing Update (55270). Ends at 4.00

6.00 TV-am (1854091) 9.25 Cross Wits. Word quit game hosted by Tom O'Connor (6430898) 9.55 Thames News (*150695)

10.00 Out of this World. American comedy series about a teenage girl with an alien father and a human mother (n. (38782) 10.30 This Morning, Magazine senes (48316140) 12.10 The Riddlers, Puppet series for children (n. (1363661) 12.30 Lunchtime News with Nicholas Gwen and Sonia Ruseler, (Oracle) Weather (6546343) 1.10 Thames News (62074782)

1.20 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial (Oracle) (18146527) 1.50 A Country Practice. Medical drama senal set in a small Australian outback town (s) (68108782)
2.20 The Green Life Guide. Dilly Barlow and Alistair MacDonald look at

greer matters (97198614) 2.50 Take the High Road Soap set in the Highlands (7648072) 3.15 ITN News headlines (9188091) 3.20 Thames News headlines

(9185994) 3.25 The Young Doctors Drama senal set in an Australian day hospital (3072237)

3.55 Hundey Pig. Ammation (r) (4910334) 4.05 T-Bag and the Pearls of Wisdom Children's comedy drama (r) (4428188) 4.30 Rolf's Cartoon Club (r) (661) 5.00 Cartoon Time (6982091) Who's The Boss? American comedy series starting Tony Danza

(4243594) 5.40 Early Evening News with Carol Sames. (Oracle) Weather (137782) 5.55 Thames Help (r) (45C411)

6.00 Home and Away (r), (Oracle) (256) 6.30 Thames News, (Oracle) (508)



Granny pageant: Richard Thorp takes the mike (7.00pm)

7.00 Emmerdale: Alan Turner (Richard Thorp) judges the Glamorous Granny competition at the Hotten Show. (Oracle) (2879)
7.30 The Full Treatment. The health programme looks at selfadministered opiates for children and an amusing new approach to dealing with chronic pain in the elderly Presented by Josephine Buchan with doctors Hillary Jones, Roy MacGregor and Rob Holden

8.00 The Bill: World to Rights. WPC Marshall, on attachment to the Domestic Victience Unit, answers a desperate call and finds herself in danger. Starring Lynne Miller. (Orade) (1527)

8.30 This Week: The Bishop and the Brothel Keeper. The Dutch have legalised their flourishing prostitution industry and next week the Mothers' Union will announce whether its members support legalisation in Stitain. The Rt Rev Hugh Montefiore and Lydia Gladwyn of the full travel to Amsterdam to meet and talk to the girls and manager of "Club Love", the city's celebrated brothel.

9.00 LA Law. Glossy American countroom drama series. (Oracle) (s)

10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald and, in Rio reporting on the Earth summit, Alastair Stewart. (Oracle) Weather (72053) 10.30 Thames News (725072) 10.40 European Football Championship. Highlights of England's opening group one game against Derunark in Malmo and a preview

of tomorrow's games between Holland and Scotland and CIS v Germany (\$02492) 11.30 01. Includes Richard O'Brien reviewing the film version of Stephen

King's The Lawrenower Man (s) (614256) 12.05am A Problem Aired. Viewers' emotional problems discussed by 12.35 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: My Dear Watson. Watson and

Holmes take on Professor Moriarty (8037947) 1.05 Film: Doctor Françoise Gailland (1975) starring Annie Girardot. Sentimental French drama about a doctor who has a series of love affairs but has to reassess her life after she discovers she has lung

cancer. Directed by Jean-Louis Bertucelli (330788) 3.00 Hardball. The pilot episode of the American police drama series (r)

4.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (29473) 5.00 Videofashiop (r) (99744) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (11893). Ends at 6.00 **CHANNEL 4**

6.00 Channel 4 Daily (1862633)

9.25 Schools (84089140) 12.00 The Parliament Programme introduced by Anne Perkins (79966) 12.30 Business Daily The latest news and analysis from the world's financial centres (21817)

1.00 Sesame Street: Entertaining pre-school learning sens. (r) (19072)
2.00 Film: Love Crazy (1941, b.W) starring William Powell and Myrna
Loy. Hectic comedy about a husband who feigns insanity to prevent
his wife from divercing him. Directed by Jack Conway (412324) 3.50 Automania 2000. Holas and Balchelor's 1963 animation about life

with the motor car (r) :4919695) 4.00 Check Out '92. A look at prostate cancer (i) (s) (121)

4.30 Fifteen to One. Fast-moving knock out general knowledge quit game, presented by William G. Stewart (6.33) 5.90 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The quests are parents accompanied by their uncontrollable teenage children (\$157492)
5.55 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon (458053)
6.00 My Two Dads. Dire American comedy about two bachelors who

"inherit" a teenage daughter (r). (Teletext) (898)

6.30 Tales From the Poop Deck. Episode three of the six-part corned)

adventures of Blackbeard the prate starring Helen Atkinson Wood and narrated by Griff Rhys Jones (r). (Teletext) (a) (850)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zomab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather (528362) 7.50 Comment (704324)

8.00 The Black Bag: A Legal Racket. A documentary investigation into some of the operators who may exploit the people they claim to help in dealing with the complexities of British law. The programme features people whose lives have been put at risk by deportation as a result of the advice they received from their commercial advisers

8.30 The Crystal Maze. Six more intrepid contestants lace challenges by the maze-master Richard O'Brien (s) (57985)



9.30 True Stories: Brother's Keeper.

York state. They are elderly, uneducated and live in a cluttered tworoom shack without modern comforts. When Bill is found dead, Delbert, who shared his bed since they were boys, is accused of murder. The police case is that Delbert suffocated his brother, who had been suffering severe pain, to put him out of further misely Delbert denies it and the villagers rally round him, raising money for his defence. The film establishes the contrast between this simple. his defence. The film establishes are control to baseball cap and minded, slow-talking countryman with his baseball cap and whiskers and the sharp-suited city detectives it does seem a case, as one local says, of us and them. The climax is Delbert's trial, which

town on the eve of the second world war. In Dutch with English subtitles (559695)

12.40am Film: Benny's Place (1982) starning Louis Gossett ir and Citely Tyson. A powerful made-for-television drama about an elderly businessman who feels his job and status are being threatened by

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SKY ONE Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellite • Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am The DJ Kat Show (19860701) 8.40 Mr. Pepperpot (1516850) 8.55 Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (5184527) 9.30 The Pyramid Game (59885) 10.00 Let's Make a Deal (90546) 10.30 The Rold and the Beauthul (26998) 11.00 The Young and the Restless (60940) 12.00 St Elsewhere (48503) 1.00pm E Street (12256) 1.30 Geraldo (70459) 2.30 Another World (7694514) 3.15 The Brady Sunch: The Elopement (723492) 3.45 The DJ Ker Show (4257140) 5.00 Reset of the ISST. Sunct: The Experience (72592) 5.45 Intel UK Kat Show (4267140) 5.00 Facts of Live (5072) 5.30 Different Storkes (7072) 6.00 Love at First Sight (4985) 6.30 E Storet (5237) 7.00 Alf (2508) 7.30 Candid Camera (4121) 8.00 Full House: Lust in the Dust (1256) 8.30 Full House: Lust in the Dust (1256) 8.30 Murphy Brown (3091) 9.00 Chancis (87651) 18,00 Studs (18879) 10,30 China Besch: Hello Goodbye (14411) 11,30 Fashion TV (89430) 12,00 Pages from Skytest (67036)

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 News on the hour
 6,00am Sunnee (2499782) 9.30 Nightline (56527) 10,00 Dayline (98188) 10.30 Beyond 2000 (65256) 11.30 Japan Busness Today (4624459) 11.45 International Business Report (1551053) 12.30pm Good Morning America (60072) 1.30 Good Morning America (610072) 1.30 Good Morning America (610072) 1.30 Parlament Live (7592256) 3.15 Parliament Live (7297962) 4.30 Beyond 2000 (4362) 5.00 Live at Five (13121) 6.30 Newsine (27121) 9.30 Parancial Times Business Weekly (69695) 10.30 Newsine (12053) 11.30 ABC News (81695) 12.30am Newsine (25744) 1.30 ABC News vsine (25744) 1.30 ABC New 14.30 ABC News (27.44) 1.30 ABC News (27.201 2.30 Those Were The Days (87.454) 3.30 ABC News (99.29) 4.30 F7 Business Weekly (33.560) 5.30 Newsine (56.367)

SKY MOVIES+ Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
 6.00am Showcase (19862169)
 10.00 Spaced Invaders (1990): Five Mar-

tians crashland on Earth (47756633)

11.95 Tribute (1980): Jack Lemmon is terminally if (62567256)

2.00pm Fear is the Key (1972): Barry Newman average his family's death (95430)

4.00 Running Martes (1986): Teerlage love story (9411)

8.00 Spaced Investers (20348917)

8.00 Daddy's Dyin'... Whor's Got the WHEY (1990): Death-had farce (17914430)

10.00 Hell Comes to Frogtown (1988): Post-holocaust horror (69576)

11.30 Moon 44 (1990): Sci-fi adventure set on a minung planet (864492)

1.10am Frankenthooker (1990): A scientist rejuvenates his dead grithlend (9558096)

representes his dead griffiend (9558096) 2.35 When You Respondent to (1909) 4.10 From Hollywood to Deadwood (1988: Two private eyes track an actress (585270) Ends at 6.00

THE MOVIE CHANNEL Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
 6.15am Tales of Hoffman (1951): Faritasy

rama (85372850) 125 Dot and Keeto (1986): A girl befor nimals in the outback (20918492) animals in the outback (20918492)
18.15 Offiner's Story (1978): Sequel to Love
Story staming Ryan O'Neal (619430)
12.15pm Meet Me in St Louis (1944):
Musical staming Judy Garland (964492)
2.15 Phying Tigers (1942, bwy: Second
world war romantic drama (984256)
4.15 Mr Forbush and the Penguins (1971)
John Hurt travels to the Antarcic (870614)
6.15 The Pink Panther (1964) (850850)
8.15 Back to the Future 2 (1989): McCuel
J. Fox as the time traveller (45111661)
10.05 Loose Connections (1983): Road
comedy staming Lindsay Duncan (298140)
11.45 Arena (1988): Futuristic gisdiatonal
adventure (890817)

adventure (890817) 1.25am Triumph of the Spirit (1989): Willem Dafoe plays an Auschwitz bowng champon (675980)

Paris by Night (1988): A woma ders her lover (439522). Ends at 5.05 THE COMEDY CHANNEL

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4.00pm Mr Ed (9850) 4.30 Punky Brewster (8362) 5.00 Green Acres (2459) 5.30 The New Leave it to Beaver (9614) 6.00 Mr Belvedere (6527) 6.30 Three's Company (7879) 7.00 F Troop (2695) 7.30 McHale's Navy (9091) 8.00 Mother and Son (1343) 8.30 Ir's Garry Shandling's Show (1350) 9.00 Hogan's Heroes (40430) 9.30 Mr Belvedere (44810) 9.00 The Lauch (15317) 10.20 (44817) 10.00 The Last Laugh (15817) 10.30 McHale's Navy (91237)

SKY SPORTS Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
 6.30am Morning Stretch (16508) 7.00

Supercross (78072) 8.00 Watersports (79701) 9.00 Morning Stretch (67256) 9.30 Stella Artosi Terris (34/69) 9.0.30 Trial Bikes (56140) 11.00 lise of Man TT (55576) 11.30 Morning Stretch (29685) 12.00 WWF Wresting (78550) 10.00pm Nascar Wirston Cup (11053) 3.00 Australam Rugby League (49633) 5.00 Red Line (9965) 6.00 The Pavilion End (24/02) 7.00 Stella Artosi Ternis (42411) 9.00 Ringside (31256) 11.00 Australian Rugb (56522) 11.00 Australian Rugby (56522) EUROSPORT

 Viz the Astra satellite.
 8.00am Eurofun (62701) 8.30 8.00am Eurofun (62701) 8.30 Olympics: Road to Barcelona (61072) 9.00 Truck Racing (52324) 9.30 German Rally (80695) 10.00 Football: Sweden v France (93966) 11.30 Football: Sweden v France (93966) 11.30 Football: Sweden v France (26585) 3.00 Mountainhike World Cup (3782) 8.30 Football: Sweden v France (26121) 5.00 Tennis ATP Tour London (53053) 7.00 Football: Denmark v England (44879) 9.00 Tennis ATP Tour (36701) 10.00 Football Highlights (46188) 11.09-12.00 Trans World Sport (66091) SCREENSPORT

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7.00am Eurobics (60817) 7.30 Olympic Preview (52492) 8.30 USA PGA Your 1992 (5818140) 9.45 Golf Report (2750503) 10.00 Spanish Football (21430) 10.38 Eurobics (54782) 11.00 Pro Box (35879) 1.00pm Yen-Pin Bowling (85140) 2.00 Eurobics (7121) 2.30 Dunkop Rover GTI Championship (4140) 3.00 IAAF Athletic: (40362) 4.30 Saling: St Maarien Regista (4904) 5.00 Enduro World Championship (1701) 5.30 Revs (5256) 6.00 Kraft Tour Yerins 1992 (2169) 6.30 Argentine Soccar (32904) 7.30 Pro Kick (24121) 8.30 NBA Basketball (50898) 18.00 Spanish Football (41072) 11.30 Cycling (38527) 12.30am Renault Show Jumping (28831) LIFESTYLE

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10.00am Getting Fit with Denise Austra (23898) 10.30 The Great American Gameshows (1368072) 10.55 Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous (8670140) 11.20 Style File (1593324) 11.25 Search For Tomorrow (8551508) 11.50 Sally Jessy Raphael (5917898) 12.4Spts Lunchbox (371053) 1.15 The Joan Rivers Show (3153985) 2.05 Rafferty's Rives (1528850) 3.05 Sels-4-Vison (4392188) 3.30 Cover Story (1053) 4.00 Tes Break (5518966) 4.10 WKRP in Cincinnas (3018091) 4.40 Jackpot (5296508) 5.00 Selly Jessy Raphael (3169) 5.30 Sels-4-Vison (3904) 6.00 Remington Steele (90072) 7.00 Sels-4-Vison (664633) 10.00 Jukebox Videos (6452614) 2.00am Jukebox Dance (76638)

PM Stereo and MIW. 4.00am Bruno Brooks
(FM only) with The Early Breaklast Show 6.00
Newsbeat 12.45 Jekis Brambles 3.00 Steve Winght in the Afternoon 6.00 Mark Goodier's
Mega Hits 6.30 News '92 7.00 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 in Concert Marc Cohn,
recorded at the Dominion Theatre in March this year, and the Hootes, recorded at the Town
and Country Club in March 1988 10.00 Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night 12.00-4.00am
Bob Harris: Featuring Hamsters (r) in session (FM only)

PM Stereo. 4,00am Alex Lester: The Early Show 6,15 Pause For Thought 6,30 Brian Hayes: Good Morning UKI 9,15 Pause For Thought 9,30 Ed Stewart 5,05 John Dunn 7,00 Someone and the Grumbleweeds 7,30 Wally Whyton with the best in country music 9,00 Glona Gaynor presents the Blue Chips, the Golden Gate Jubilee Quarter and singer Jori Lee 9,45 Bob Holness Requests the Pleasure (r) 10,30 The Jamesons, ind at 10,45 the What's That Noise? competition 12,05am Jazz Parade, BBC Big Band under Barry Forgie 12,35 Bill Rennells with Night Ride 3,00-4,00 A Little Night Music

News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm.

RADIO 5

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Baker's Morning Edition 9.00 Schools: Let's
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News 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative 12.30pm In the Hot
Seat 1.00 News Update 1.15 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (1) 1.30 BFBS Worldwide 2.30 Sportsbat, with Ross
King 4.30 Five Aside 7.00 European Football Championship, with Ion Champion. The match
between England and Denmark begins at 7.15 from the Ulien Stadium in Malmo 9.30 Ruby: A Little Talk with Angel Lips 10.10 Eastern Beat, Incl 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am New

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CENTRAL

As London except: 10.00-10.90 An Invita-tion to Remember (Michael Hordern) (36782) 2-30-3.15 The Young Doctors (7648072) 3-25-3.75 Take the High Road (3072237) 5.10-5.40 Blockbusters (3072237) 5.10-5.40 Blockbusters (42435946.525-7.00 Central News (92041) 7.30-8.00 Nature Watch (492110.40 Central Lobby (498169) 11,10 First Night (458817) 11.40 European Footbal Championship (455430) 12.30 Married...With Children (22742) 1.00 Amost Grewn (4287947) 1.50

Video View (7374522) 2.50 Hollywood Report (1051164) 3.25 America's Top Ten (24459386) 3.55 Raw Potwer (8107218) 4.50-5.30 Central liphiander '92 (3578102)

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HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00-6.30 Wales at Sx 7.30-8.00 Wales and Westminster 10.40 Face Value 11.10-11.25 Nature Watch Taking the Bits Out of Sharts

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RADIO 3

6.55am Weather; News Headlines 7.00 Morning Concert: Reicha (Quintet in E flat, Op 88 No 2);

Tallis, arr kronos (Spem in Alium) 7.30 News 7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Vaughan Williams (The Lark Ascending); Rubbra (A Tribute to Vaughan Williams); Grainger (Green Bushes); Honegger (String Quartet No 2) 8.30 News 8.35 Composers of the Week: Frederick Delius — Cosmopostan Influences,

England, Brigg Fair, An English Rhapsody; Midsummer Song; On Criag Dhu; The Splendour falls on Castle Walls falls on Castle Walks

9.35 Morning Sequence: Mozart
(String Quartet in C, K 465:
Amadeus Quartet), Britten
(The Prince of the Pagodas,
Act 2, Sc 2: London Simfonietta
under Oliver Knussen), Poulenc
(Mass in G: 88C Sargers under
John Poole); Bartók (Suite, The
Miraculous Mandarin: BBC SO
under Wigglesworth); Dvoták
(Piano Quintet in A, Op 81:
Vienta Philharmonic Quartet,
with Clifford Curzon, piano)

11.40 BBC Welsh SO under Fedor
Glushchenko performs

Glushchenko performs Stravinsky (Circus Polka); Medtner (Piano Concerto No 3 n E minor: Hamish Milne);

in E minor: Hamish Milne);
Sibelius (Symphony No 1 m E
minor) 1.00pm News
1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert:
Live from St George's, Brandon
Hill. Chilingman Quartet plays
Haydn (String Quartet in D, Op
64 No 5, The Lark); Tigran
Mansunan (Quartet No 2,
1984) 2.00 The Trojan War. Penelopé. Continuing the series of operas connected with the ten-year siege of Troy. Jean Laforge Chorus; Monte Carlo Philharmonic Orchestra under

Norman, soprano, as Penelope and Jocelyne Taillon, mezzo, as Euryclee. 3.00 Nan Hewitt discusses Ulyses after his return to Ithaca. 3.15 Act 3 Beethoven: The planist Ronan O'Hora plays Sonata in A. Op 2 No 2; Seven Bagatelles, Op 33 (r) 5.30 Mainly for Pleasure, with Richard Baker 7.00 News

Charles Dutoit perform Acts 1 and 2 of Fauré's three-act drame lynque. With Jessye

7.05 Third Ear: The compose Anthony Gilbert talks to Anthony Gilbert talks to Michael Hall 7.30 BBC Philharmonic under Edward Downes, with Alfreda Hodgson, mezzo, performs Berlioz (Overture, Le Corsaire); Mahler (Rückert Lieder);

10) (r) 9.05 Riding Pants: In Bernard Malamud's short story, Herm dreams of horses and of escaping from his father's butcher's store. Read by Harry

butcher's store. Read by Harry Towb (r)

9.20 Chopin: The pianist Caroline Palmer plays Mazurka in C sharp minor, Op 30 No 4; Noctume in E, Op 62 No 2; Scherzo in 8 minor, Op 20; Noctume in F sharp minor, Op 15 No 2; Wahtz in E flat, Op 13; Prelude in 8 flat minor, Op 28 No 16) to 18; Prelude in B flat minor, C 28 No 16) (r) 9.50 Music In Our Time: bion at Huddersheld under Michael Finnissy performs Chris Newman (A Book at the Piano); Michael Parsons (Syzygy); Andrew Toovey (Adam); Howard Skempton (Broadside); Michael Finnissy (Pano Compete No 3: Jamos

(Prano Concerto No 3: Jar CHOICE: This is the first of Paul Oliver's eight programmes, first broadcast in 1988 when they won a Sony

Award. They answered a need adumbrated in Oliver's prologue to his History of the Blues when he described the blues pioneers as "humble, obscure and unpretention men and women, only a few of whose names have become familiar". As appetisers, some of these familiar names are featured tonight — Bessie reatured tonignt — Bessie
Smith, of course, and Tommy
Johnson, Robert Johnson and
Leadbelly. But what mainly
engages Oliver's mind is the
knowledge that the blues did
not arrive out of nothing, and
that they wish one ties the that they were not just the invention of a few

sharecroppers in the Mississippi delta

11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Dvolák (r) 1.00-2.00 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

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(s) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Vesteriax in

9.00 News
9.05 Face the Facts (r)
9.30 The Hospital: In the fifth of an eight-part series on life in Walsgrave hospital in Coventry, the future of the infertility clinic is in jeopardy (s)
10.00-10.30 News; Sad Cypress (FM only): Final episode of the five-part dramatisation by Michael Bakewell of Agatha Christie's novel (s)

Christie's novel (s)

10.00 Daily Service (LW only):
Rome Pilgrimage. From the basika at the catacombs of St Domitulla

10.15 The Bible (LW only): The Store Lacombs of St Domitulla

Gospel according to John.
Read by Tony Britton (8 of 10)

10.30 Woman's Hour talks to the actress lenny Quayle who is in the touring production of Macbeth; and examines dysentery in schools, ind 11.00 News 11.30 From Our Own

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Correspondent
12.00 You and Yours
12.25pm Slighty Foxed: Gill Pyrah
chairs the literary quiz. The
quests are Germaine Greer,
Katharine Whitehorn, Craig
Brown and Irma Kurtz (s)
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Revenge: In Ayshe
Rair's play, Eastender Wilf
Bailey (Trevor Peacock) takes
the law into his own hands
when he is threatened by local
tearaways (s) (r)

3.00 Down Your Way (FM only). Sam Wanamaker, the American actor-director, takes a walk through Shakespeare's

London (r) 3.40-4.00 Poetry Please! (FM only) 3.00 Prime Minister's Question Time (LW only)

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope talks to members of the London Bubble Theatre company, and

(32797546) 12.35 Slot Meithmi (3060633) 1.00 Fifteen To One (74072) 1.30 Susnest Delay (20188) 2.00 Kabaddi (563) 2.30 Fifte Gypty 1958324) 5.00 The Wonder Yeas (3985) 5.30 Happiy Days (985) 6.00 News (199898) 6.10 Heno (759850) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (3121) 7.30 Talent Hyn (362) 8.80 Monopoly (9169) 8.30 News (20850) 8.35 Graffici (218237) 9.25 Film Personal Best (23369) 881 11.45 Check Out '92 (367985) 12.15 Daddy's Little Bit of Dresden Chris (5172909) 12.25 Plasticine People (5369015) 12.40 Film Bermy's Place

RADIO 4

reviews A Better Day at the Theatre Royal, Stratford East and Déjà Vu at the Comedy Theatre (s) 4.45 Short Story: Tea for Two, by Margaret Lesser. Read by Ann Aris 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Harpoon (s) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20-8.00 Going Back (FM only)

© CHOKE: Nigel Acheson's Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather

Keay considers whether economic success alone will guarantee political stability a military security in East Asia 8.45 Travels with Mrs T. David

Food (s) (r)

11.30 Today in Parliament

12.00-12.43am News, and 12.27

Weather 12.33 Shapping 12.43

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Murder trial: Lyman Ward defends his brother (9.30pm)

 CHOICE. A long but intriguing documentary from the United States homes in on the four Ward brothers, dairy farmers in New the cameras follow-step by step. (Teletext) (378072)

11.15 Sumo Last in the Japanese wrestling sense (s) (368614)

11.45 The Bridge. Episode six of the eight-part drama set in a small Dutch with English

younger men Directed by Michael Schultz (880725) Ends at 2.25

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8.45 Travels with Mrs T: David Bean armes or Belgium in the footsteps of Mrs Frances Trollope (r) 9.00 Does He Take Sugar? 9.30 Kaleidoscope (s) (r) 9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight (s) 10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Picrac at Handurg Rock by Jean Lindsay

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11.00 Around the World in 80
Days: Second of a four-part dramatisation by Terry James of Jules Verne's classic story With Lesse Philips as Philes Fron (s) In

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